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HONGKONG HOTEL FIRE.

THE LOW WATER PRESSURE EXPLAINED.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL."

Despite the handicap caused by the disastrous fire of New Year's Day, the Hongkong Hotel is observing "Business as usual" as its slogan.

It is now clear that by the time the Fire Brigade was summoned the outbreak had assumed serious dimensions on the top floor. With regard to the low water pressure, the need for special pump equipment in high buildings is stressed, reliance on street mains being unwise.

The great fire at the Hongkong Hotel still remains, and will remain for some days to come, the main topic of local interest. Now that the excitement of the actual happening has passed off, it is possible to collect the authentic facts of the affair.

It must largely remain a matter of conjecture as regards the origin of fire, although it is clearly established that it started in the lift shaft. It was some little time after eight o'clock that the first signs of fire were noticed on the ground floor level, and the outbreak was subdued. In the opinion of the employees who attacked it. But, meanwhile it had ascended the shaft and had started a serious fire on the top floor. "It was not until 9.08 a.m.—after the fire was well established on the top floor—that the Fire Brigade was called, two calls being received simultaneously, one by street alarm and one by telephone. No. 6 fire appliance was sent, followed by No. 11, and a district call brought in the appliances from Wanchai and Kennedy Town and the fire floats. There can be no possible fault found with the work of the Brigade, because there was a serious fire on top floor of the hotel by the time it was called to the scene.

THE WATER PRESSURE.

Regarding the absence of water pressure in the Hotel's fire hydrants, a *Telegraph* representative has been making enquiries, and learns that the mains in Pedder Street, by which the fire hydrants are fed, are usually kept at about 65 lbs. to 70 lbs. pressure, so that even if the pressure had been at its height there would, at all times, have been but small pressure on the fifth floor of the hotel—where the water was most needed. Assuming that the height of the top floor is about 100 feet, there is a drop of 50 lbs. pressure by the time the water reaches that height, because there is a drop of 1 lb. pressure for every two feet up. Taking off a further 10 lbs. pressure for pipe friction, etc., there would only be a pressure of about 15 lbs. on the fifth floor even though the pressure in the street mains was at the full. When people on the second, third, and fourth floors were tapping the supply at the same time, it was inevitable that at the fifth floor there would be no water.

It has been technically explained to us that it is no use putting fire fighting equipment in a building and relying on street mains pressure unless the known pressure in the particular street is sufficient to give 60 lbs. at the top of the building, after allowing for the decrease which comes because of height and friction. Each high building ought to have associated with its fire pipes and hose, a special pump which will ensure 60 lbs. pressure on the top floor, because the pressure in street mains generally is not sufficient to give it. Otherwise it is only when a fire engine arrives and runs out its hose and gets to work that a fire at the top of a building can be effectively combated.

In the case of the Hotel, there was reliance on mains pressure and that pressure was insufficient. With so high a building, a fire in the roof—always the hardest to fight in any building—was extremely difficult to get at quickly on the part of the Fire Brigade, but when the hoses were run and in position, the appliances proved sufficient to pump a good

There has been much comment on the fact that leaky hose pipes caused much loss of water and lack of pressure at the nozzles, but we are in a position to state that the Fire Brigade hose is all practically new and of the best possible quality. Much of the leaky hose was that belonging to others and used mainly by appliances pumping water from the Praya. A curious fact in connection with hose in Hongkong is the rapidity with which it rots and perishes after having been used in the West Point district. The theory is that much native merchandise, containing acids or alkalis, is spilled annually out of trucks and bags by carrying coolies and that when a hose is laid on a wet road this acid or alkali attacks the hose and rots it. There have been several cases where brand new hose, used by the Kennedy Town station has perished after only one use.

There has, up to the present, been no official report of the fire prepared either by the Police or the Fire Brigade, these being in hand at the present time.

There was only one fatality—the unfortunate death of A. B. Batchelor—and no serious casualty. Mr. Mandelli, of the Hotel staff, only remained in the G. C. H. for a short while, others who received minor hurts being attended to on the spot by ambulance men and doctors.

The Fire Brigade remained on duty until 11.15 p.m. yesterday and have been at work in the smouldering ruins several times since. Small outbreaks will possibly recur.

THE HOTEL SERVICES.

So far as the Hotel itself is concerned, business as usual is being carried on in the undamaged new portion. The Cafeteria, Bessie's Bar, Dining Room, Roof Garden Tea Dances and Garage Service are all functioning as before, whilst meals *a la carte* (Grill Room style) can be ordered in the Dining Room. The hotel's temporary main office is at the entrance to Mac's Cafeteria, which now becomes the main entrance of the hotel. All the undamaged bedrooms near the Queen's Road end of the building are either in occupation or open for engagement.

Messrs. Thos Cook and Son were this morning carrying on in their old premises, but new offices are, we understand, being arranged for. The men's department of Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., has been transferred to the main store in Des Voeux Road, whilst the ladies' department of Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd., has been transferred to the jewellery department.

Pedder Street, excepting the pavement in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's side, remains closed, bamboo railings guarded by police officers having been erected. Des Voeux Road has been re-opened, and the trams are running as usual. Architects and experts have been surveying the ruins and precautions will have to be taken to prevent falls of charred and cracked masonry. Big "Danger" notices have been posted everywhere leading to dangerous points.

Curious freakish incidents have come to light now that an exploration of the ruins is more or less possible. Quite a number of those whose rooms were in the actual fire area have found that their rooms have escaped being gutted and much personal property, previously thought destroyed, left almost intact.

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WHITE GLOVES.

PRESENTATION AT POLICE COURT.

On Wednesday last, there were no new cases down for hearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, and as this constituted a unique event in the history of the Colony, it was decided to present Mr. Lindsell with a pair of white gloves.

The presentation was made by the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., this morning. He said:—"If I may be allowed to interrupt, I wish to congratulate you. I think last Wednesday there was not a single case in this Court not even a hawker. I think this event is probably absolutely unique in the annals of the Colony. We all hope, for the good of the Colony and the neighbouring provinces, that the present state of affairs may soon come to an end, and normal communication be restored. Yet, from the purely police point of view, we should like the present conditions to remain as they are. I have now much pleasure in handing to you this pair of white gloves to mark the occasion."

Mr. Leo D'Almada said, as the only solicitor in Court he wished to associate himself with Mr. Wodehouse's remarks. He congratulated Mr. Lindsell on behalf of the profession.

In replying Mr. Lindsell said:—"I thank you for this interesting token of recognition for an event, which, I agree with you, is so far as I know, quite unique. At the same time, I think it is rather you and your force that should be thanked. I thank you."

FIREMAN'S DEATH.

FATAL FALL AT WANCHAI.

A fatal accident befell a Chinese member of the Hongkong Fire Brigade at Wanchai. It appears that the man, whose name is Wong San, living at 4 Irving Street, and who only recently joined the brigade, was on a hook ladder on a structure for drying hose at the Wanchai Fire Brigade station, when the ladder swayed, and the man fell to the ground, a distance of forty feet. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where he later succumbed.

BULGARIAN CABINET.

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED.

Sofia, Jan. 3. The Zankoff Cabinet, which has long been in a precarious position, resigned to-day.—*Reuter*.

pictures appearing elsewhere in this issue to-day, the two bottom pictures on the page are by Ming Yuen, and the remainder by Mee Cheung.

COMPANY'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. W. J. Hawker, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., writes us under to-day's date as follows:—"I beg you to be so kind as to permit me on behalf of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., to give expression in your columns to the thanks of this Company for the splendid services rendered by so many willing helpers during the fire that occurred in the Hongkong Hotel on the 1st instant. The Fire Brigade, the Police, the Navy, the Army, Government, officials, Hospital and Ambulance services, Boy Scouts—all were represented, and everybody worked strenuously at the task of overcoming the fire. Had such assistance not been readily forthcoming, there is no doubt but that the results of the outbreak, serious as they are, would have been terrible in the extreme. It is with the deepest sympathy that the death of one heroic helper has to be recorded, and no words can express our heartfelt regret for the loss of the gallant seaman. To all who so generously assisted in the time of trouble, the Company is deeply indebted and sincerely grateful."

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CANTON ARMY.

BIG NEW YEAR'S DAY REVIEW.

GEN. CHANG PRESENT

General Chang Kai-shek arrived at Whampoa on the last day of the year, and paid a short visit to the Military Academy. Later in the day he went up to Canton, making his landing privately. Consequently no demonstration of any kind took place. On the following morning, at an early hour he proceeded to Government House to present his New Year greetings and respects to the Committee of political Affairs, and afterwards he took part in the grand review of the troops on the East Parade Ground.

This review of troops was the biggest ever seen in Canton. Over two hundred civil and military officers and more than 20,000 troops took part. Among the civil officials present the most prominent were Messrs. Wang Ching-wai, Chan Kung-pok, Kum Kai-kwong, and C. C. Wu, whilst the military officers included Generals Chang Kai-shek, Tan Yen-kai, Che Pui-tai, Chan Ming-shie, Wong Kang-mow, Li Fook-lum and others. General Chu Pui-tai was the General Officer Commanding.

After the inspection Mr. Wang Ching-wai and Mr. Borodin addressed the rank and file and complimented the troops on their smart appearance. They also thanked, on behalf of the Government, both officers and men for the many deeds of valour performed during the recent operations in the east, west, and south, and south sectors. Mr. Wang urged the troops to further efforts in the cause of the revolution, which he said, lay nearest to the heart of their late chief, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who, in his will, enjoined them to carry out the Three People's Doctrine both in spirit and in letter and with unremitting effort to prosecute the revolutionary movement to its final accomplishment.

After the review, a portion of the troops took part in a big procession organized by the members of the Kuomintang and of the Kwangtung Unification Association. The procession was a monstrous one. There were over 160 Unions and societies represented, whilst students of forty schools took part in the demonstration. The whole city was in gala attire and the Nationalist flag could be seen flying from every house. Many bystanders carried miniature Nationalist flags. It is said that it took nearly two hours for the procession to pass a given point.

STRIKE DELEGATES.

FIVE RETURN TO HONGKONG.

Five out of the six representatives of the Hongkong merchants who went up to Canton on Thursday last, returned to Hongkong on Saturday by the s.s. Lung Shan. On the same day, at 8 o'clock in the evening, the s.s. Paul Beau brought back 190 of the Fraternity Party. The remainder have obtained special permission from the Strike Union to remain in Canton and they will return later on.

SYRIAN PEACE.

FRENCH COMMISSIONER'S ADVICE.

Paris, Jan. 2. Aeroplanes yesterday dropped a proclamation from M. de Jouvencel to the Druses, advising peace. The proclamation stated:—"The only way for you to win is to lay down your arms."—*Indepacit*.

SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

BRITISHER SHOTS HIMSELF.

"Oh! I'm fed up!"

These are the last words attributed to Wallace Powell, a British employee of S. J. David and Co., Ltd., who rose from his dinner table on Christmas Eve, walked across to a cabinet, and shot himself, dying on Christmas Day in the Shanghai General Hospital.

The tragedy occurred at the Burlington Hotel, Bubbling Well Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Powell were dining together in their room.

During the course of the meal, it appears, deceased had some difficulty with the servants, but there was no indication that he was about to take the grave step he did.

The Bubbling Well police station was immediately informed of the affair, and Insp. Foley, Det. Sub-Insps. W. J. McDermott and other officers went to investigate, arriving at the Hotel at about 9 a.m. They found Powell lying unconscious. There was a bullet wound on one side of the head, the shot going right through and passing out at the other side. The bullet was found embedded in a wall. By the side of the man was a fully loaded revolver but for the shot which ended his life.

Mr. Powell was removed at once to the General Hospital, and at first it was thought he would recover. He died, however, on Christmas morning.

On December 26th, Mr. G. W. King attended the hospital mortuary and opened an inquest on the body. Only evidence of identification was taken.

Mr. R. W. MacCabe, manager of the Burlington Hotel, recognized the body as that of Wallace Powell, who had been living at the Hotel since March 1st.

The inquest proper will be held upon the completion of medical and police investigations.

Mr. Powell, it is understood, served during the war in Mesopotamia, where he suffered a serious attack of sunstroke.

MARRIED AT SEA.

SHANGHAI MAN'S XMAS DAY WEDDING.

News of the marriage of Mr. Maurice Benjamin to Mrs. Rose Chase was received in Shanghai on December 26th by means of a radio message to a friend.

The ceremony took place on Christmas Day aboard the s.s. President Jefferson, when the vessel was one day's journey from Shanghai, on her way to Hongkong. The master of the Jefferson, Capt. Nichols, united the couple, who will spend their honeymoon, extending over a fortnight, in Hongkong.

Mr. Maurice Benjamin is a well known Shanghai resident and was at one time a member of the Municipal Council. He is a director of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., and has numerous other business interests in Shanghai.

AMATEUR RADIO.

HONGKONG NEWS PICKED UP FROM HOME.

A local wireless enthusiast, working on his self-made set, on January 2nd picked up the news of the Hongkong Hotel fire as broadcasted from the new station at Rugby, England. The Home public were given full details of the fire and informed that H.R.H. Prince George took some part in the organisation of the naval branch of the fire-fighting services. On the previous day the same person listening in picked the Rugby broadcast of the New Year Honours giving the news of the knighthoods conferred on His Excellency the Governor and on Sir Chow Shui-son.

THE ATHERLEY TRIAL.

PRISONER'S TRANSACTIONS WITH SHARE BROKERS.

BOTTOMLEY CASE QUOTED.

The trial of Mr. J. E. Atherley, ex-manager of Messrs. Getz Brothers and Co. (of the Orient) Ltd., commenced at the Criminal Sessions before Sir Henry Gollan this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin who is conducting the case for the prosecution, made a lengthy opening detailing Atherley's transactions with sharebrokers in 1924, and pointing out the coincidences of payment into his own account of sums exactly similar to those he received from his compradore on behalf of his firm.

The case in which James Edward Atherley, former manager in Hongkong of Messrs. Getz Brothers of the Orient, is charged with misappropriation of monies belonging to the firm, opened before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Accused is indicted on four counts of fraudulently converting to his own four sums amounting to \$3,275, these counts being:

(1) That on the 24th March, 1924, he did fraudulently convert to his own use and benefit the sum of \$1,641 received by him for and on account of Messrs. Getz Brothers of the Orient; (2) on the 26th March, 1924, a sum of \$1,102.82; (3) on the 26th March, 1924, a sum of \$73.50; and (4) on the 28th March a sum of \$447.68.

The accused returned a plea of not guilty to all counts.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Pryor, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn (instructed by Messrs. Hall and Hind) defended the accused.

A JUROR'S NAME.

The jury having been called, counsel for the defence raised the point that the name of one of the jurymen (Mr. A. A. da Rosa) was reminiscent of one of the witnesses to be called for the prosecution. Mr. Zeitlyn asked if Mr. da Rosa of the jury was identical with Mr. da Rosa for the prosecution.

It was explained to the satisfaction of counsel that Mr. F. K. da Rosa, employed by Messrs. Getz Brothers, the witness referred to, was a different person from Mr. A. A. da Rosa of the jury.

Prior to the opening of the case, Mr. Zeitlyn said that owing to the fact that accused was not released on bail, his preparation of the defence had been considerably hampered, and he made an application that Mr. Atherley be permitted to be seated next to counsel at the table, so as to be conveniently at hand.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE ACQUIESCED.

PROSECUTION OPENS.
Mr. Jenkin, in opening the case for the prosecution, said that this indictment was in respect of four sums totalling \$3,275, belonging to the accused's employers, Messrs. Getz Brothers of the Orient. Mr. Atherley was manager in Hongkong of that Company and was appointed to that post in or about the month of August, 1922. Messrs. Getz Bros. were well-known to them as a Californian Company and best-known to the public for the importation into the Colony of various well-known brands of tinned provisions and foods. They did a considerable business with Chinese dealers. The office staff, over which Mr. Atherley presided as Manager, of necessity included a compradore's department. This was not unusual in foreign firms, and in the case of Messrs. Getz Brothers was engaged mainly for the purpose of collecting from Chinese debtors of the firm amounts which were due to Getz Brothers in respect of goods imported on the orders of these Chinese dealers. The office staff proper would, of course, be distinguished from the compradore's staff, in that the compradore's staff came directly under the compradore's supervision, although in this case, as in many others, certain of the compradore's staff were under the compradore's agreement, made employees of the

AN IMPORTANT DATE.

The second point dealt with by counsel, after the matter of office routine, was that of dates which counsel commented on as one possessing great significance.

March 24th, 1924, counsel said, was one of great significance in the case.

On March 24th, 1924, Mr. Atherley opened a private account in his own name and in another bank, the International Bank.

March 24th, 1924, was also the eve of the March Settlement Day of the Local Share Exchange.

On March 24th, 1924, the office routine of the local branch of Getz Bros. was changed in a very radical manner under the instructions of Mr. Atherley.

On March 24th, 1924, for the first time, the monies in the Company, instead of going into the Chartered Bank to

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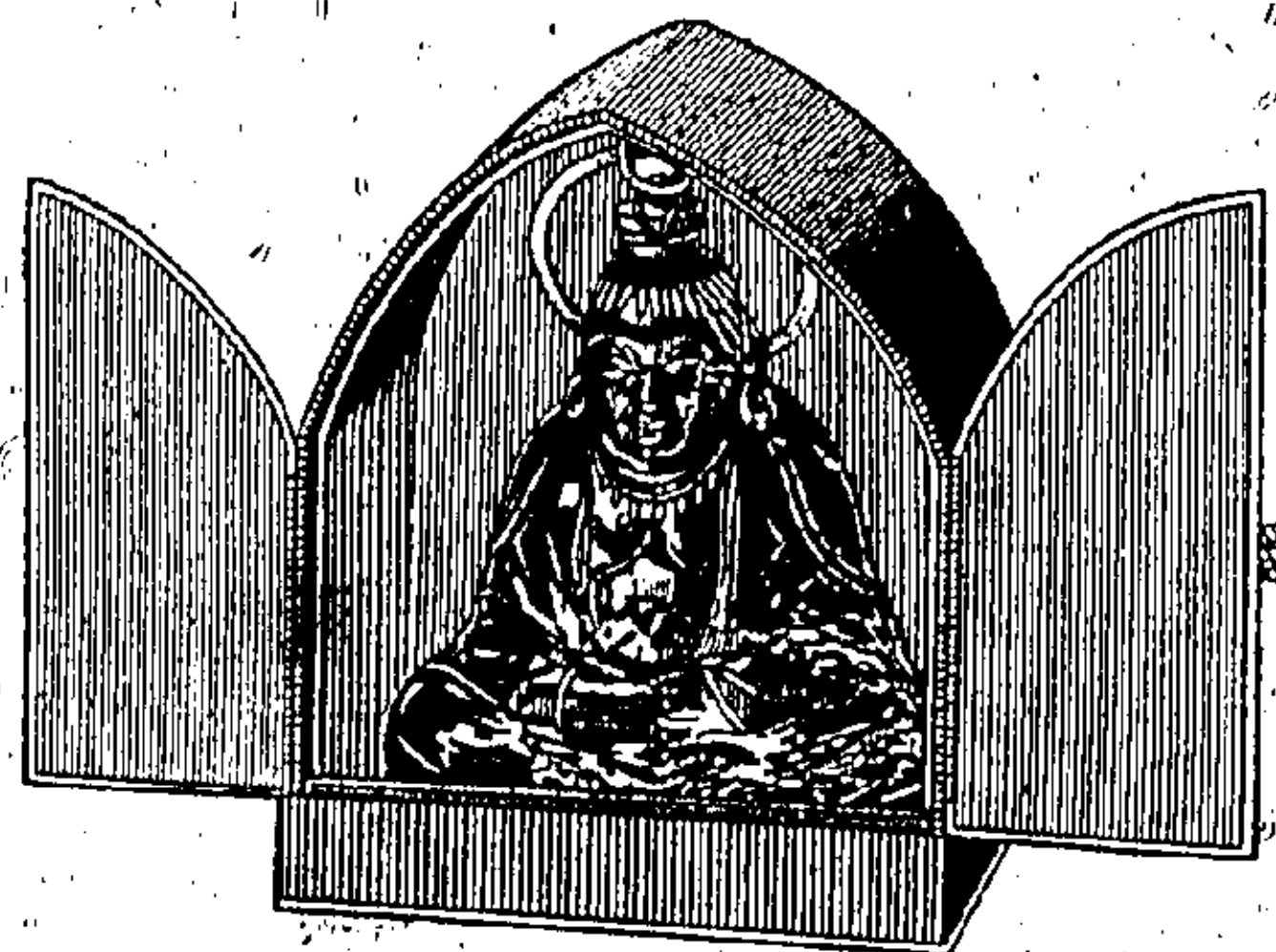
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A. B. BATCHELOR'S DEATH.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S FUNERAL.

Largely Attended Ceremony.

That the heroism of Able Seaman E. E. Batchelor, who was among the detachment of naval ratings dispatched from the H.M.S. Hawkins to assist in extinguishing the Hongkong Hotel fire, should be followed by his death under tragic circumstances, will be regretted by his comrades and the whole community.

The circumstances surrounding his fatal fall from the building, are described elsewhere. It was exceedingly sad that he should have met his death after only being discharged from hospital the previous day, where he had been confined with slight injuries received during the course of boxing. Besides being a clever exponent of the noble art, the deceased excelled at football, being a member of the Hawkins' team.

Unmarried, Batchelor was a native of London and had previously seen service on the China Station. He was 28 years old and leaves a sister to mourn his demise.

The injuries sustained included fractures to both legs and wrists and other minor abrasions on the head. Late on Friday night, Batchelor underwent an operation, but succumbed to his injuries at 4 o'clock the following morning.

A full naval funeral was accorded the deceased, whose remains were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley. The coffin was draped in the Union Jack and left the Naval Hospital followed by mourners from the Hawkins. The cortege was preceded by the band from the flagship, which also provided the firing party.

The Rev. Scott (Chaplain, H.M.S. Hawkins) and Rev. Hamilton (Chaplain, H.M.S. Titania) jointly officiated.

There was a large attendance of Naval officers and many civilians. Among those attending were Capt. W. J. C. Lake (Chief of Staff), Pay Comd. A. C. Roe, Comdr. Gunner H. F. B. Den, Lieut. Comdr. C. W. Bower, D. O. O. Lieut. Edmondstone, and Comd. W. Pott, officers of the H. M. S. Hawkins; the Hon. Mr. H. H. Holyoak and Miss Dorothy Holyoak, Comdr. Williams, R. N., Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. M. F. Key (representing the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce), Mr. P. Condon (representing the Hongkong Fire Brigade), Mr. G. Saunders (representing the Kowloon Fire Brigade), Mr. May and Mr. W. E. Hollands (representing the Hongkong Football Association), members of the crews of the various ships in port, members of various local Clubs and many others.

The Wreaths.

There was a large number of floral tributes sent, among them the following: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and Lady Clementi, Vice Admiral Sir E. S. Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O. (Commander-in-Chief of the China Station), Capt. Lake, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director of the Hotels Company), W. J. Hawker (Manager of the Hotels Company), "A Sorrowful Spectator," Mr. and Mrs. G. Morrison, Capt. Brewer and W. T. Hayle, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Inspector Blake (Sanitary Department).

The Torpedo Men of H.M.S. Hawkins, Commissioned Warrant and Warrant Officers, Gunroom Officers, Wardroom Officers, his

CHINA'S CUSTOMS REVENUE.

1925 SHOWS SMALL INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.

Debt Payment One Year in Arrear.

Peking, Jan. 2. The Maritime Customs revenue for 1925 amounts, in round figures, to \$69,865,000, an increase of \$270,000 as compared with 1924. The sterling equivalent of the 1925 collection, at an average exchange of 8s. 5½d., approximates £12,190,000 compared with £12,741,000 in 1924 at an average exchange of 8s. 7½d. The principal increase was in Tientsin and Chinwangtao, \$1,536,000; and the principal decrease in Shanghai, \$1,534,000. The total collection in Shanghai was \$26,028,000.

The 1925 revenue from the native Customs under the Inspector General's control amounts to \$4,746,000, equalling £828,000 at an average exchange of 8s. 5½d., an increase of \$494,700.

All foreign loans and Indemnity obligations secured by the Customs revenue, including the services of the Re-organisation Loan, have been met or covered in full. All domestic loan obligations, of which the loan service is under the management of the Inspector General are also met in full. It is to be noted, however, that the redemption of payments of the consolidated debt are one year in arrear of schedule.—*Reuter.*

PEACE FOR CHINA?

PEKING CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

Peking, Jan. 2. The Government is reported contemplating the convening at Peking of a conference to which the principal military leaders will be invited to send delegates, including Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu.—*Reuter.*

Messmates, Forecastle Messdeck, Stokers, Cooks, the Quarterdeckmen, Chief Stokers and Mechanics, Mess, Petty Officers 44 Mess, Shipwrights, the Attendants' Mess, Ship's Company, Marine Detachment and Band, Chief Petty Officer's Mess, his Tommates of No. 8 Mess, his Tommates of No. 10 Mess, 54 and 55 Messes, from O.I. Shipmates No. 6 Mess.

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Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., the Manager and Staff of the Hongkong Hotels Ltd., Shanghai Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Manager and Staff of the Repulse Bay Hotel, the Directors and Hongkong Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

Fire Insurance Company, President and Members of the Way-fong Mess, Members of the Hongkong Football Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Royal Naval Yard Police, Dockyard Recreation Club, Police Recreation Club, Garrison Recreation Club, European Members of the Fire Brigade, Yaumati Police Station, the Sick-Berth Staff of the Royal Naval Hospital and the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong bearing the epitaph "To one of Britain's Heroes."

BRITISH MISSION TO CHINA.

ALLOCATION OF BOXER INDEMNITY.

Lord Willingdon to Head Delegation.

London, Jan. 2. The Daily News understands that the British Commission fore-shadowed a few months ago by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will shortly proceed to China to confer with the Chinese authorities regarding the allocation of the balance of the Boxer indemnity. Lord Willingdon is mentioned as head of the delegation.—*Reuter.*

[Lord Willingdon has been Governor of Bombay and of Madras, relinquishing the latter post in 1924. He is a Lord in Waiting to the King and is a keen sportsman.]

London, Jan. 3. The Sunday Times says that in addition to Lord Willingdon the Reverend W. E. Soothill and Dame Adelaide are invited to join the mission to China.—*Reuter.*

[The Reverend William Soothill, M. A., F.R.G.S., is professor of Chinese at Oxford University. He was born at Halifax in 1861. He was for some time a missionary of the United Methodist Church at Wenchow. Between 1882 and 1907 he founded over 200 stations and established a hospital, a college and several schools. He compiled the Wenchow Romanised System. From 1907 to 1911 he was president of the Imperial University of Shansi province. He was a director of Y.M.C.A. work during the war. Among his decorations are the 2nd rank Red Button and 3rd rank Order of Wenhui. He is also a great writer on Chinese affairs, among his books being The Three Religions of China, The Analects of Confucius, A Mission in China, The Students' Pocket Dictionary, Bibliography of Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, and his last in 1924, Timothy Richards of China. He also translated the New Testament into Wenchowese.

Adelaide Mary Anderson, D.L.E., C.B.E., was 11. M. Principal Lady Inspector of factories from 1897 to 1921. She was born in Melbourne in 1863. She studied in France and Germany, and won the Gamble gold medal at the Girton college in 1893. She was lecturer to the Woman's Co-operative Guild and member of the Educational Council Union from 1899 to 1892. She has written extensively on labour problems for the Journal of Comparative Legislation, the Economic Journal and the Encyclopaedia Britannica and other papers.

NEW PAPER PULP.

EUCALYPTUS MAY TAKE THE PLACE OF SPRUCE.

New York, Jan. 1. As a result of experiments in substituting the wood of eucalyptus for spruce as a material for making newspaper paper, the University of Wisconsin has made paper from eucalyptus grown at Sao Paulo, Brazil, which is said to have excellent printing quality and to be strong enough to be used on high speed presses.

It is estimated that such paper can be produced at about half the cost of the present imported variety and it is expected that the new invention will bring paper manufacture into prominence in Brazil. Eucalyptus grows readily in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Florida.—*Reuter.*

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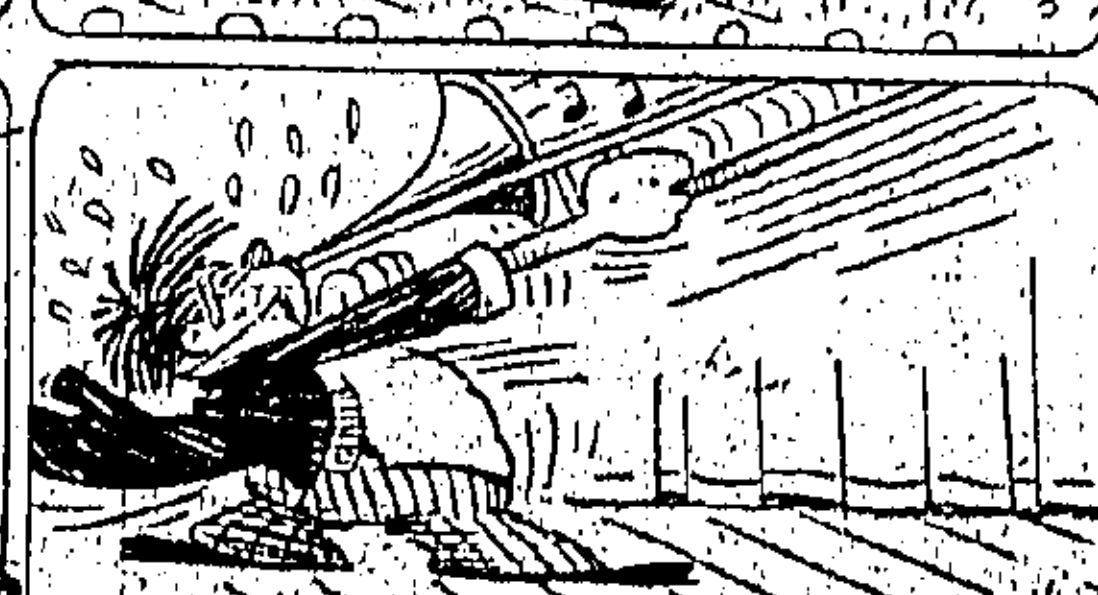


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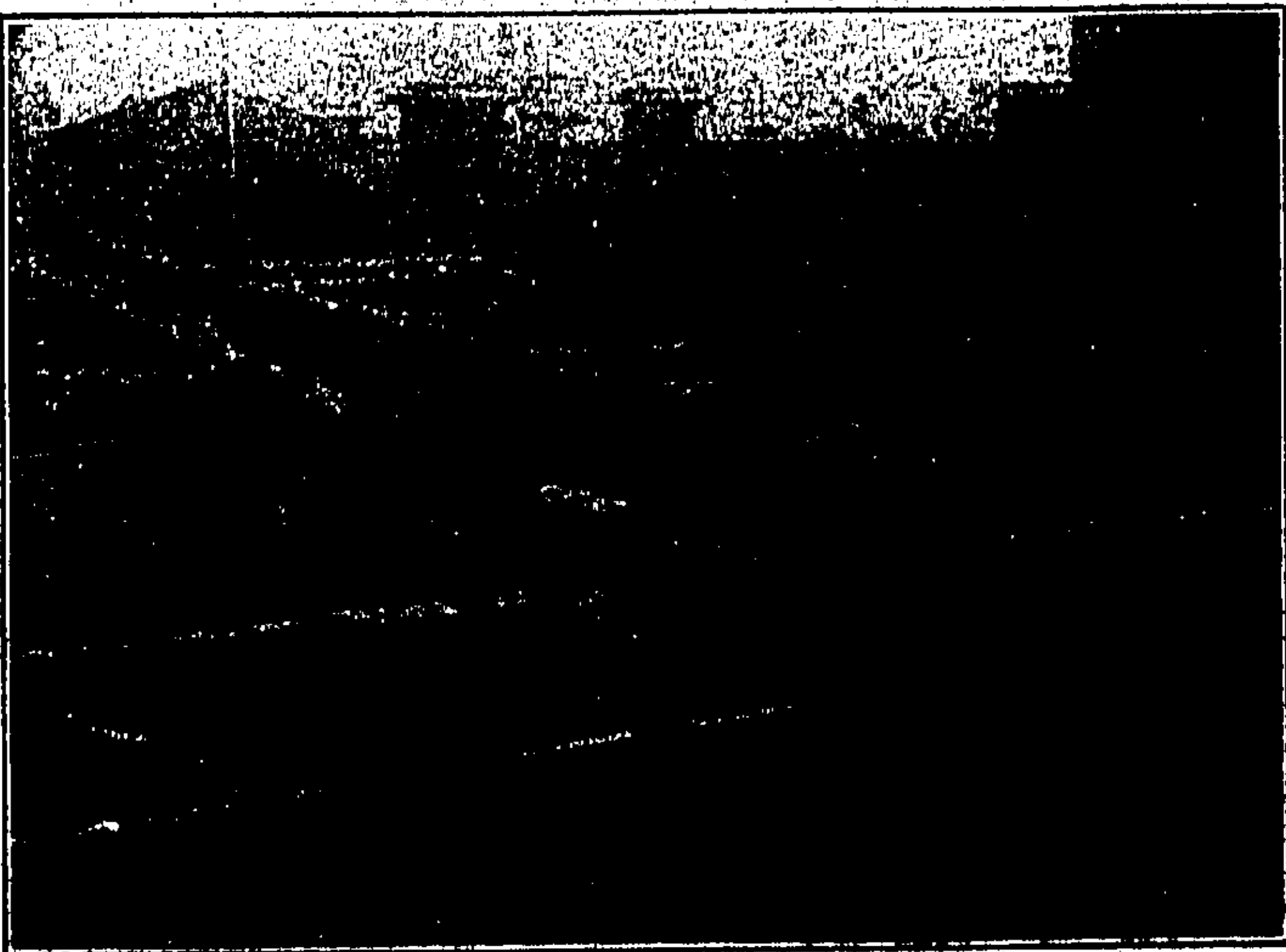
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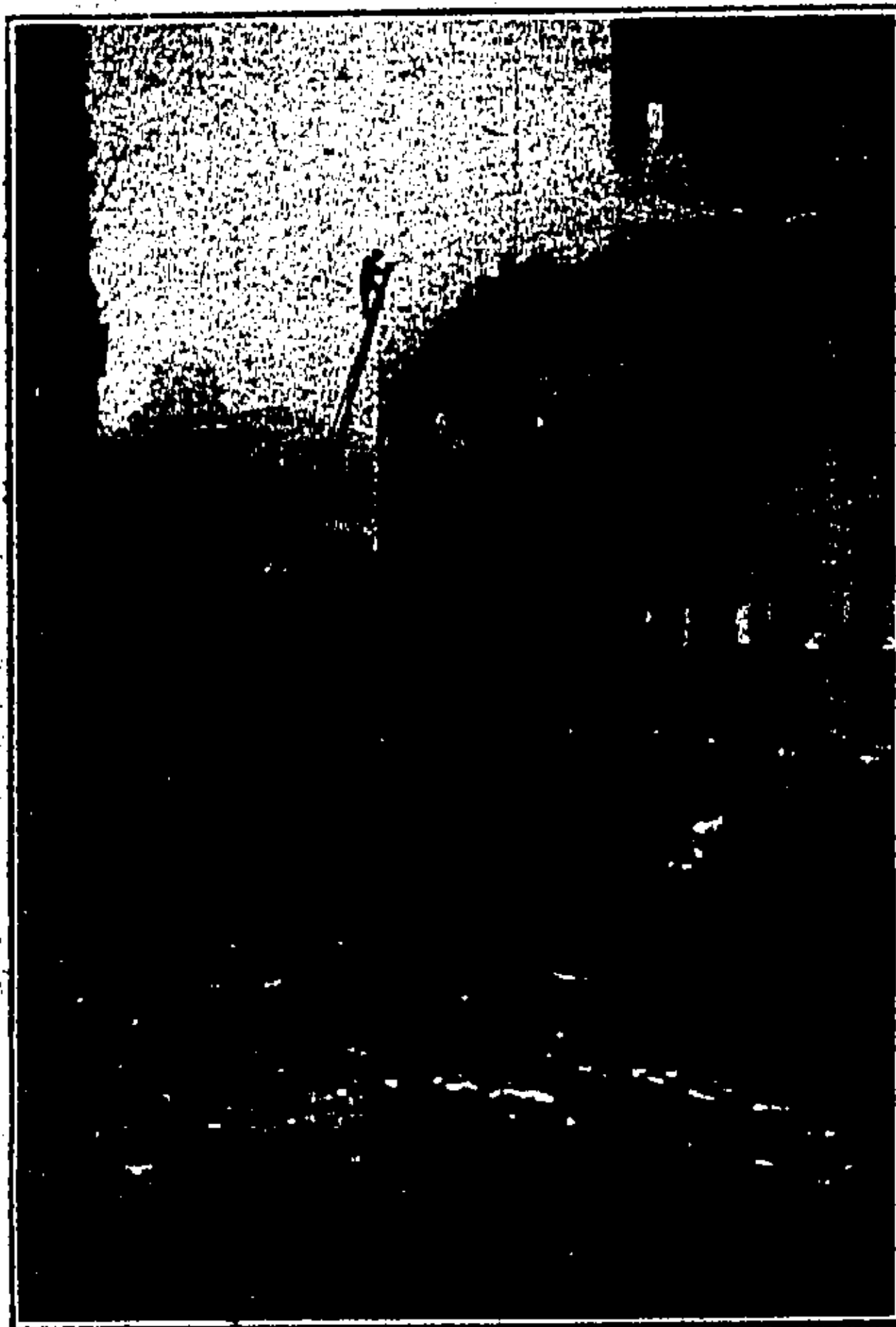
THE HONGKONG HOTEL FIRE.



The scene of utter desolation from the roof.



The main stairway leading from the 4th floor.



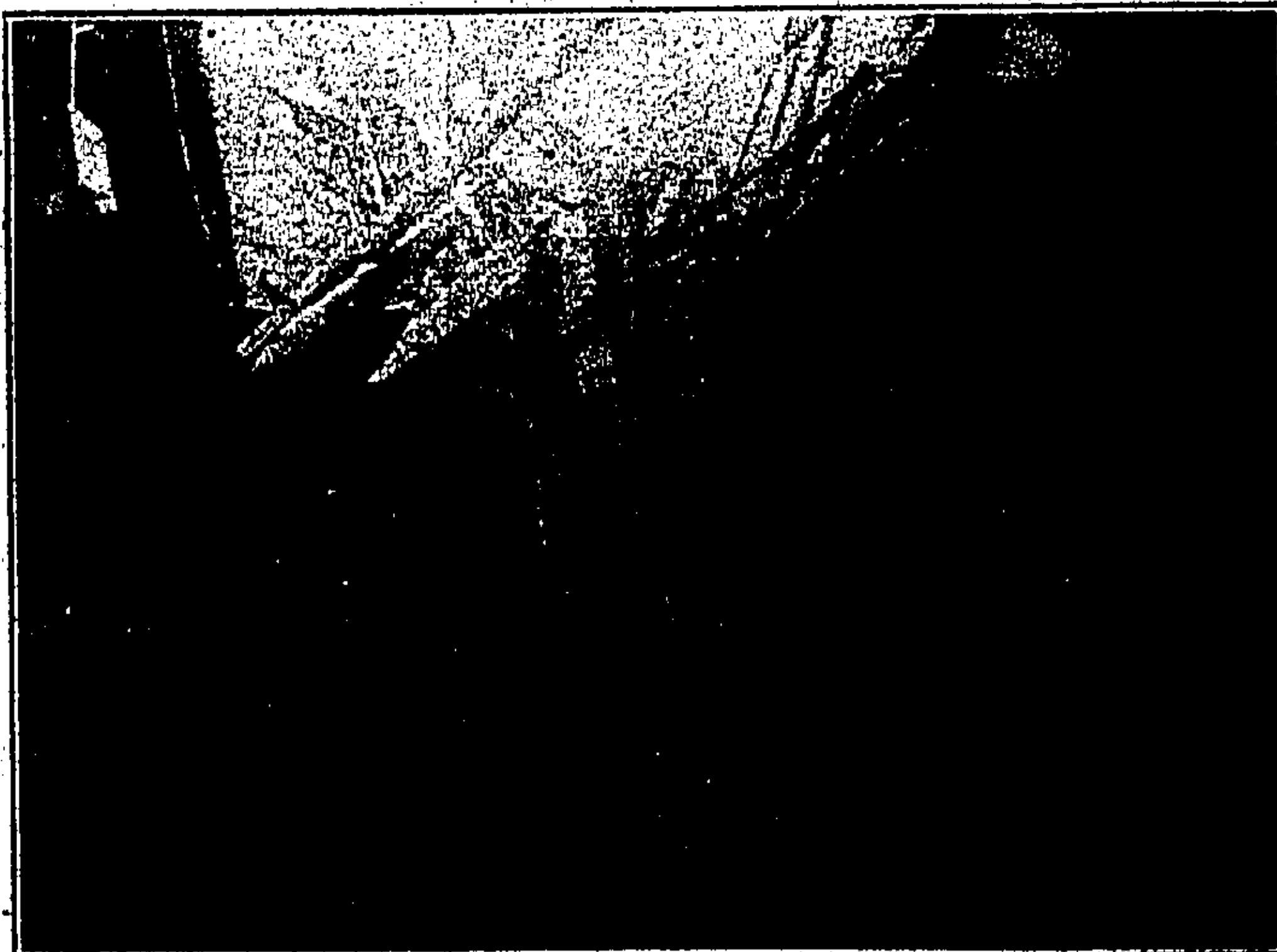
A turntable ladder used to effect on the Pedder Street frontage.



Looking down from the roof.



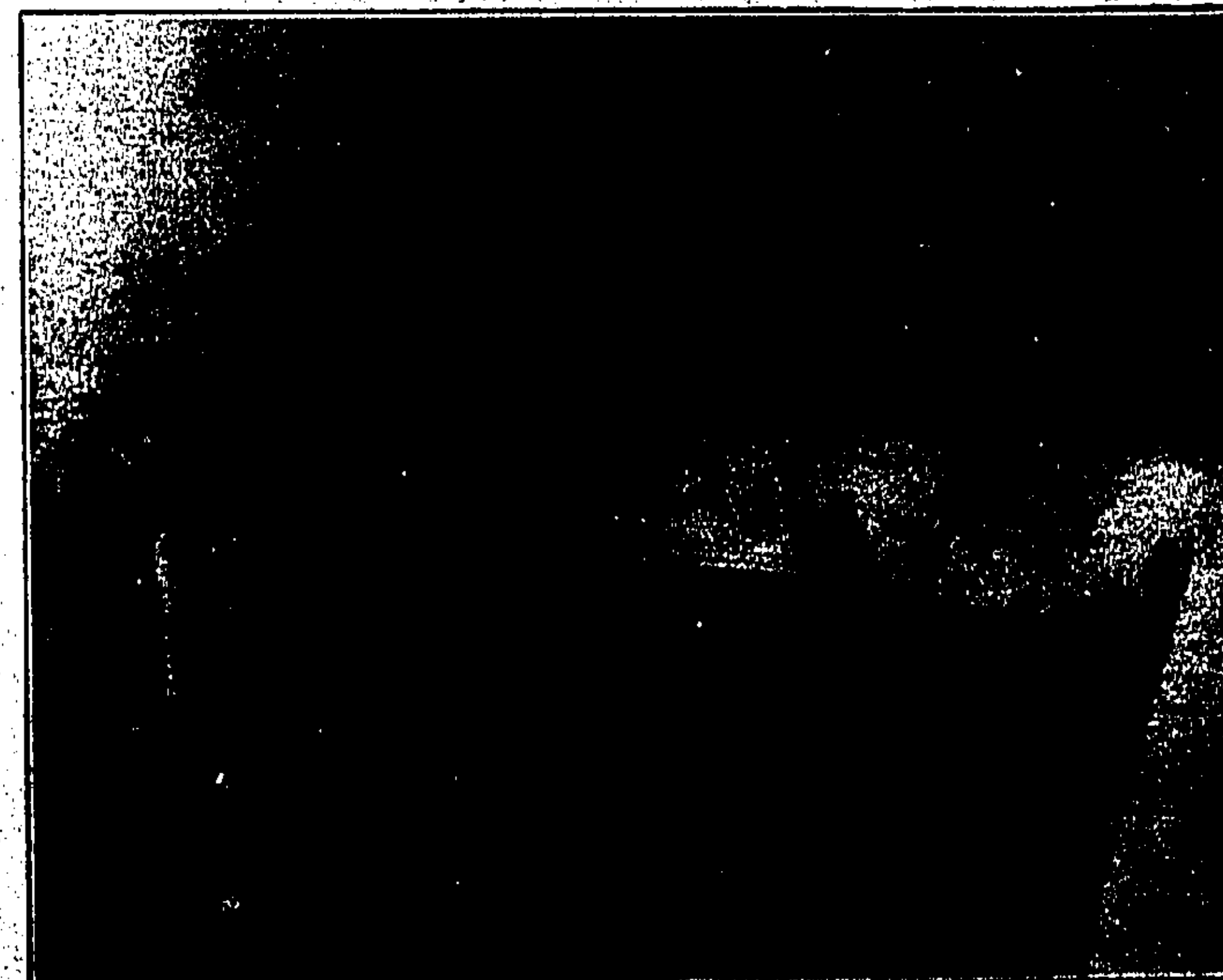
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Students for High-Speed must
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Enrolment at the above College
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the Power of Attorney dated 8th
October, 1925, made by us in
favour of Mr. Rolf Johnson has
to-day been cancelled.

U. SPALINGER & CO.
Hongkong & Canton,
31st December, 1925.

NOTICE.

The Kowloon Cricket
Club Dance.

Members are reminded that the
Second Dance of the Season is to
be held on Friday, the 8th inst.,
as previously arranged. Dancing
to commence at 8.30 p.m. on the
Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.
Tickets may be had on applica-
tion to the undersigned.

S. F. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that
Mr. ALAN LAWSON BARTON
is authorised to sign our firm per
procuration as from January 1st,
1926.

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FATAL MOTOR MISHAP.

POLICE COURT SEQUEL.

When a Chinese motor car
cleaner was backing a car on the
Praya East on December 12th, the
car knocked down a Chinese, injur-
ing him in the left ankle. The
cleaner took the injured man to a
chemist, bought him some
Chinese medicine, and gave him
some money. The injured man
subsequently went to hospital and
died four days later. The cleaner
did not make any report of the ac-
cident, either to his employer or
the police, and he was summoned
at the Central Police Court this
morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell,
for failing to report the accident.
Defendant admitted the offence,
and was fined \$50.

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Together with the messuages erec-
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known as Nos. 9 and 11,
Prince's Terrace,
To Be Sold
In One Lot
by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on TUESDAY,
the 12th day of January, 1926, at
3 o'clock p.m., at the China Auc-
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The properties consist of:—
All those pieces or parcels of
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of Inland Lot No. 152A with the
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kong. The properties are held for
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respective terms of 924 years from
the 22nd day of January, 1919, and
999 years from the 25th day of
June, 1849, created by an Indenture
of Extension dated the 3rd day of
November, 1849, and made between
Her late Majesty Queen Victoria
of the one part and Abraham
Joseph Burley of the other part,
and by an Indenture of Crown
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The Auctioneer,
Hongkong, December 24, 1925.

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received
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Him Yuen Cheung Kee on
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THE LONGITUDE OF
HONGKONG.

HOW RECENT ERROR
WAS DETECTED.

In the Hongkong Government
Gazette of December 4th, appeared
the following notification:—

"It is hereby notified that
from 1st January, 1926, the
adopted longitude of the Royal
Observatory Hongkong, will be
7h. 36m. 41.26s. East of Green-
wich, in place of 7h. 36m. 14.86s.,
which observations of the Bor-
deaux rhythmic time signals have
shown to be wrong."

Like many official notifications,
this is extremely brief, and en-
quiries at the Royal Observatory
have produced the following state-
ment:

The significance of the notice in
question was probably lost except

to mariners, the sole comment in
the local press being to the effect
that the geographical position of
Hongkong was 61 miles in error.
The error in the position of the
Royal Observatory on this account
is actually about 260 yards, and
the effect is that the timekeeping
at the Observatory has been six-
tenths of a second too slow since
its inception. For all but methods
of extreme accuracy, this error is
negligible, but some account of the
means by which this relatively
small fraction of the earth's cir-
cumference was determined may be
of more than passing interest, illus-
trating, as it does, an applica-
tion of radio telegraphy.

The longitude of a place may be
defined as the interval between
the meridians of Greenwich and
the place in question, measured on
the equator of the earth. This
interval may be expressed as the
arc of a circle (degrees, minutes
etc.), or as a fraction of the period

of one revolution of the earth.
For most purposes, longitude is
conveniently expressed in time, and
the statement that a place is six
hours East and another six hours
West of Greenwich, indicates that
the meridians of the two places are
half the earth's circumference
apart, and one quarter of the
earth's circumference distant from
Greenwich on either side.

The longitude of a place is ascer-
tained by determining the differ-
ence of local time at Greenwich and
the place at the same instant.
This somewhat paradoxical state-
ment is understood when it is re-
membered that local time depends
on the observation of astronomical
phenomena produced by the earth's
rotation on its axis, and such phe-
nomena occur six hours earlier or
later at a place "A" compared with
another place "B," accordingly as
the meridian of "A" is one quar-
ter of the earth's circumference
east or west of the meridian of
"B."

Longitude has been progressively
determined by the observation of
the moon's apparent position with
reference to the stars, the trans-
portation of chronometers, and the
exchange of telegraphic signals.
The latter is infinitely the most
accurate method, but its utility is
limited owing to the difficulty of
obtaining direct communication by
telegraph over great distances.
During recent years these limita-
tions have practically disappeared
by the utilization of radio-tele-
graphy: the signals of powerful
transmitting stations can be heard
under favourable circumstances by
all well-equipped stations on the
earth's surface, and it is thus com-
paratively easy to ascertain the
time at far distant places. Green-
wich time is now broadcast from
many places having facilities for
its determination, and the problem
of ascertaining the longitude at
sea has been simplified for vessels
possessing wireless installations,
in that a complete check can be
kept on chronometer errors and
rates.

Doubts as to the accuracy of the
longitude of Hongkong were caused
by the observations of the wireless
time signals emitted by other ob-
servatories of the Far East, which
showed that Hongkong was con-
sistently slow. To date it has not
been possible to discover the means
by which the longitude was origi-
nally determined; the almanacs
state that it was made by Com-
mander Green, of the U. S. Navy,
presumably about 1884, the
method used may have been the
transport of chronometers or the
exchange of telegraphic signals
between Hongkong and another
port, and whatever the accuracy
of the methods may have been, the
result would still have been liable
to error if any error was present
in the longitude of the reference
station.

A method of determining longi-
tude by direct reference to Green-
wich is obviously the observation
of the same radio signal by Hong-
kong and Greenwich. The differ-
ence between the accurately deter-
mined local time of emission of
the signal by Greenwich and Hong-
kong is, of course, the actual
longitude of Hongkong, the zero
meridian being that of Greenwich,
by international agreements.

The continued improvements in
the radio receiving set of the Royal
Observatory, Hongkong, eventually
made it possible to observe the
time signals emitted by the power-
ful station of Bordeaux in France.
It was known that this station was
regularly received and recorded at
the Royal Observatory, Greenwich,
and enquiry elicited the fact that
signals had been simultaneously
observed by both observatories on
about 12 occasions. A compari-
son with the Greenwich times, sup-
plied by courtesy of the Astronom-
er Royal, has conclusively shown
the error mentioned in the Govern-
ment notification. The determina-
tion is of an accuracy much superior
to that of any previous determina-
tion.

The results have been utilized
by accelerating the clocks of the
Royal Observatory by 0.61 sec.,
since midnight, 31st Dec. 1st Jan.,
the first intimation to the public
being given by the time ball at 10
a.m. on January 1st.

A seven passenger twin-engine
flying boat, which it is said will
revolutionize the aerial fire fight-
ing methods employed by the
Government protective patrols,
is being tested at the Dominion
Government Airfield at South
Marsh, near Ottawa. It is satis-
factory it will be flown to Mani-
toba where it will take on fire
preventive duties in one of the
most important forest areas.

There will be
TEA & DINNER DANCES
at the
KING EDWARD HOTEL

on the following dates:—

TEA DANCE

5th Jan. 1926.	14th Jan. 1926.
7th " "	19th " "
12th " "	21st " "

DINNER DANCE

9th January, 1926.

16th " "

Further announcements to follow.

Bookings for the Dinner Dances can be made at the
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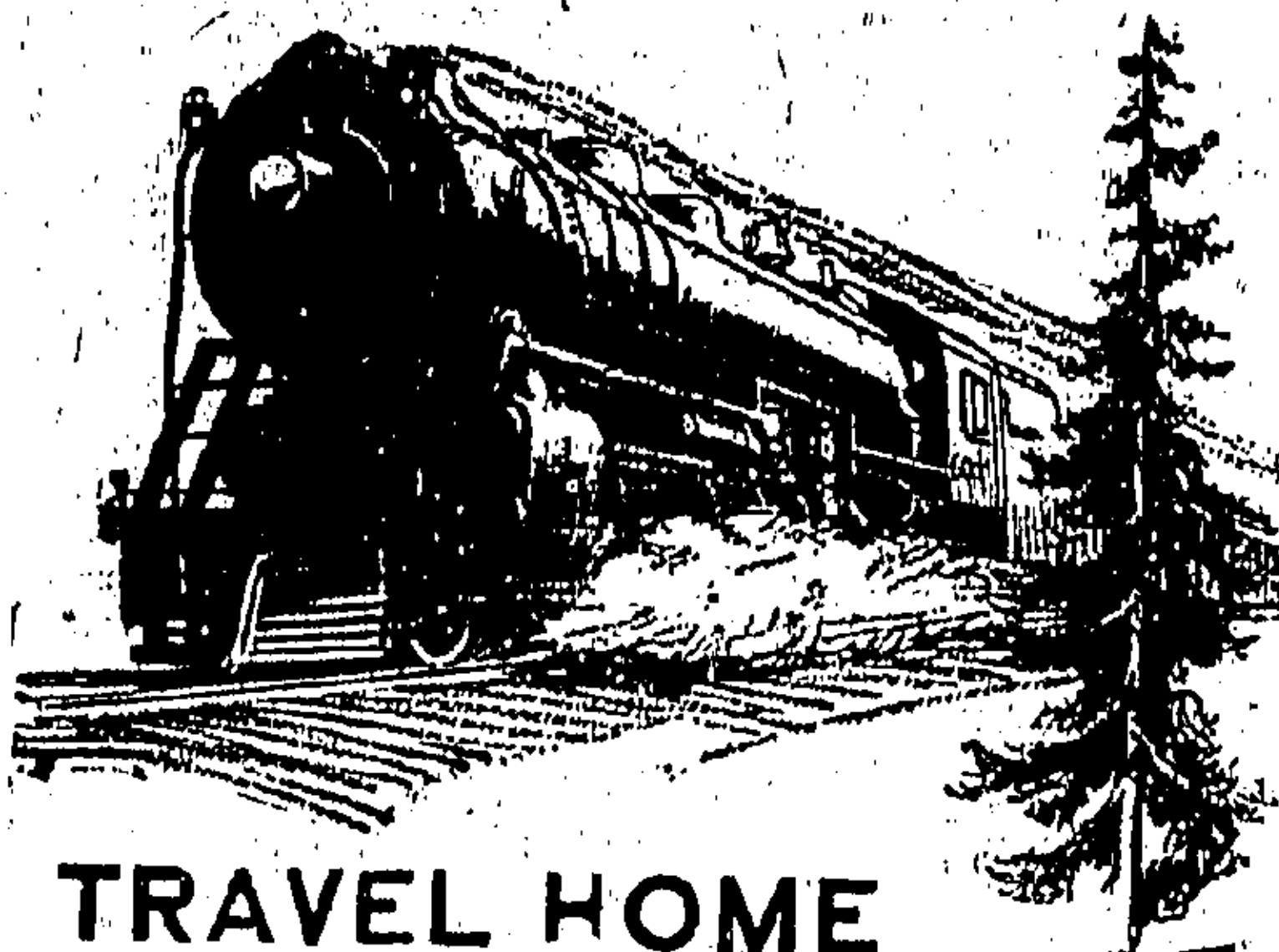
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FLAGSHIP'S DANCE.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Ring in the New Year.

A very successful dance was held at the Seamen's Institute on New Year's eve, arranged by the Entertainment Committee of H. M. S. Hawkins.

There was a large attendance and everyone enjoyed the pleasant evening, especially the ringing of the Old Year out and the New Year in, on a large bell landed from the ship, by Paymaster Commander A. C. Roo, R. N., who was applauded by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and the linking of hands and singing of "Auld Land Syne." Great praise is due to Petty Officer Jacobson and Able Seaman Faithfull for the exceptional way in which the Hall was electrically decorated. Pleasant and suitable music was rendered by the Ship's Dance Orchestra under Petty Officer Writer Hall, and the duties of M. C. were carried out by C. P. O. Bryan.

Carnival novelties were also in evidence and a pleasing feature was the pains taken to match the ladies' dresses with the erpe hats.

A noticeable feature was the large attendance of the Ship's Officers who appeared in uniform.

After the interval a speech was made by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, who asked to be allowed to take up a very little of the company's time, an act he was sure they would pardon when he had finished. He said that as most of those present knew the present commission of the Flagship were shortly returning home, nice for them but and for those left behind. The staff of the Seamen's Institute could not, however, let them go without saying how very much they appreciated having the ship's dances held there, and all the more because of the great help given by the Dance Committee. Though all worked well, and how well only those who attended the dances and especially such dances as that held in honour of the French flagship Jules Mithélet, could tell, there were certain members of the Committee whom they had got to know particularly well.

First of these was the Secretary, Mr. H. Tibbe, whose unfailing energy and courtesy were most marked and whose readiness at all times to fall in with the wishes of the management of the Institute they so greatly appreciated, in token of which he asked him to accept a small gift. Mr. Tibbe then came forward and was presented amid loud applause with a silver cigarette case. Two members who had always given special help were Messrs Jacob and Faithfull, each of whom were presented with "doll mascots," chosen specially for them by one of the Institute staff, because they were such "boys." They received and unwrapped their gifts amid applause and laughter.

The Chaplain concluded by wishing all present in the name of the Missions to Seamen a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and the second half of the Dance then commenced.

It is understood that the Hawkins will hold further dances on the 7th and 14th instant and will conclude their social programme with a farewell dance on board ship before the present ship's company leave for England.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL AT MONGALLA.

Khartoum, Jan. 3.

Alan Cobham has arrived at Mongalla, 160 miles North of the Uganda border.—Reuter.

GOLF.

KOWLOON G. C. AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Yesterday the Kowloon Golf Club members were guests of the Junior Section of the R. H. K. G. C. at Happy Valley, this being a return for the hospitality of the Peninsula club when the Valley was suffering from floods and no play was possible.

At Kowloon in October the Happy Valley players were rather overwhelmed, both by the play and the generosity of their hosts, and were only too ready to return the compliment yesterday. Right to the end of the day, the result was in doubt, the home team eventually winning by 15½ to 13½ points.

Singles were played in the morning, 30 players going out. Most matches were very close and more than one finished on the last green. Nine Happy Valley won their singles and one match was halved, the scores being 9½ to 5½.

In the afternoon the visitors had the advantage, and scored 8 points to six, leaving Happy Valley winners by two points.

Excellent tiffins and teas were served by Cafe Wiseman and an exceptionally enjoyable day spent by everybody. All the players will hope that these interesting inter-club fixtures may be made more or less permanent ones.

At the tiffin interval, Mr. V. C. Labrum, on behalf of Kowloon, thanked Mr. Beardall and the Happy Valley team for the enjoyable game and their hospitality. He offered the toast of the Happy Valley Junior section, which was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Beardall, captain of the home team, expressed the pleasure it gave them to entertain Kowloon and hoped that the fixture would not be the last. He thanked Mr. D. J. Brown who had acted as secretary for the occasion, remarking that without his help the day would not have been possible. He also thanked those who looked after the tiffin arrangements and Mr. C. A. Grimes for superintending the refreshments on the liquid side.

Scores?	
Happy Valley	Kowloon G. C.
C. H. Beardall	1 R. S. Robertson
B. Petheram	1 R. S. Robertson
R. Campbell	1 R. S. Robertson
A. K. Mac	1 R. S. Robertson
Donnell	1 R. S. Robertson
P. Oliver	1 R. S. Robertson
S. E. Spillett	1 R. S. Robertson
D. J. Brown	1 R. S. Robertson
W. MacKay	1 A. W. Roberts
C. A. Grimes	1 A. W. Roberts
W. Pryde	1 V. C. Labrum
S. B. Garrod	1 W. J. Carroll
D. E. Lawrence	1 A. W. Brown
W. J. Shenton	1 J. Bottomley
	1 A. Brooksbank
Total... 9½	5½

Foursomes.	
Beardall and Petheram	1 Robertson and Roza
Campbell and McDonnell	1 Thomson and Remedios
Oliver and Brown	1 Meldrum and Lickley
Spillett and Booker	1 Remedios and Paterson
Lyons and MacKay	1 Bottomley and Roberts
Grimes and Pryde	1 Beaumont and Labrum
Garrod and Lawrence	1 Carroll and Brown
Total... 15½	13½

EXPLOSION.

TWELVE KILLED IN FLORIDA.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 3.

A dozen corpses have already been recovered of the victims of the explosion of one of the reborts of the Newport Rosin and Turpentine Company. It is believed that over twenty were injured.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

LESSONS OF THE FIRE.

Sir,—With regard to the Hotel fire, whilst recriminations are useless, it is high time that the papers, as professed exponents of public opinion, should expound the great dissatisfaction which the public is, and has for some time been, expressing privately.

This fire is only the latest of a series, all of which entailed great and unnecessary loss of property and some lives. It is hard to recall a single report of a fire which has not opened by saying that the firemen were handicapped at the start by lack of pressure, but when—etc., they soon got the better of it.

To come back to the Hotel fire, there are several witnesses to the fact that had there been any pressure at all on the 4th and 5th floors, there would have been no fire at all to speak of. The sight of willing volunteers standing impotently by, pointing empty hoses at the small flames, and watching it gradually take complete charge, was enough to make the fire fiend laugh aloud with malicious joy and glee.

We all know the supreme indifference with which the authorities here treat public opinion, and that it requires quite a number of retaining walls, for instance, to collapse before they can be persuaded to have an enquiry as to why a retaining wall does not retain, but surely there has been enough damage done to life and property by totally unnecessary fires for even Hongkong's self-complacent mandarins to begin to take notice.

A public enquiry is badly needed to fix responsibility for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, with impartial commissioners and counsel to represent the public. Of course, we all know the eel-like propensities of Government Departments when it comes to the question of responsibility, but there are one or two leading Councils in this Colony who could be relied on to even cope with the tergiversations of a Government Department.

Whilst on this subject, can you tell us what the objection is to installing a salt-water reservoir and pumping station on the Peak, and using it for not only fires, but all street-watering and flushing purposes? Why all this unnecessary waste of water, when every year there is a shortage, and not much prospect of conditions changing?

Also, what happens in the rider-main district if a fire is inconsiderate enough to start during prohibited hours?

Finally, if no one else will take up this question of fires in Hongkong, could not the head offices in England or America be informed of the state of affairs here, and how much money they are paying out on account of this.—Yours, etc.,

ONLOOKER.

Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1926.

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Peking, Jan. 3.

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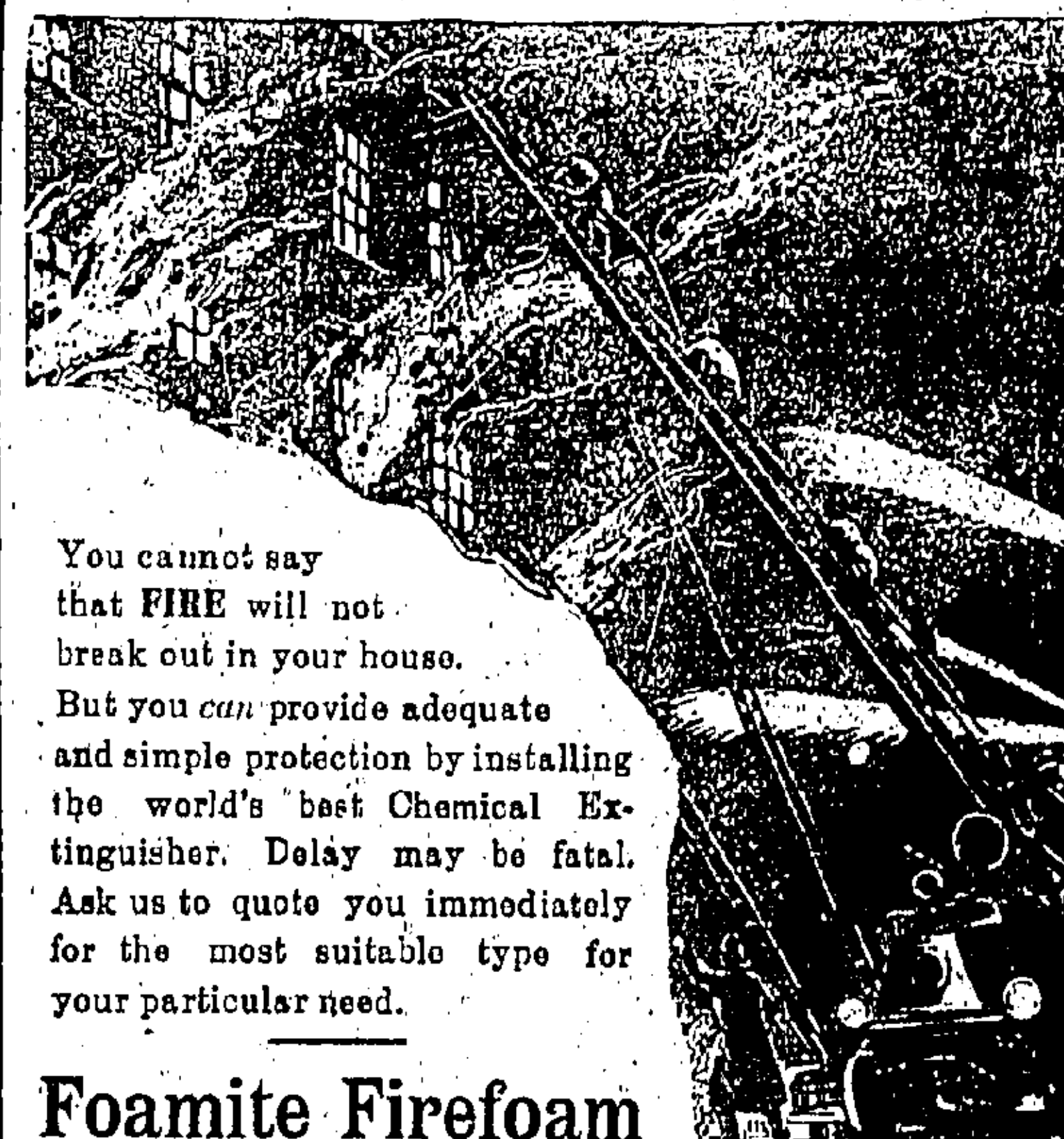
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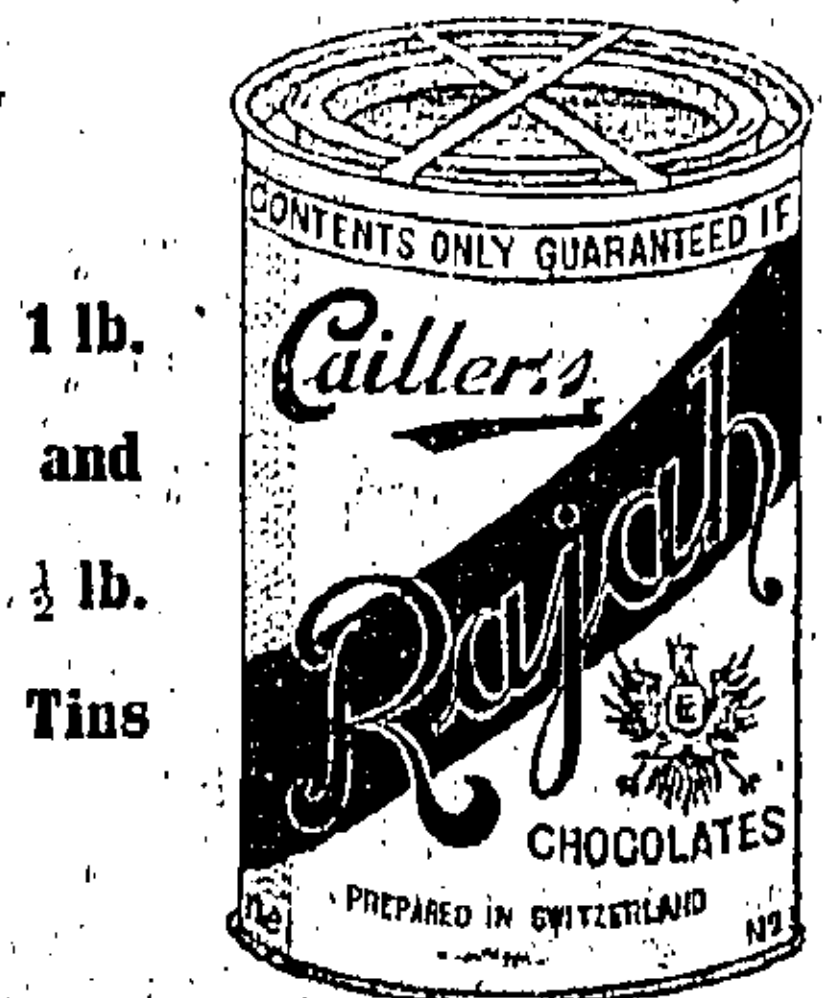
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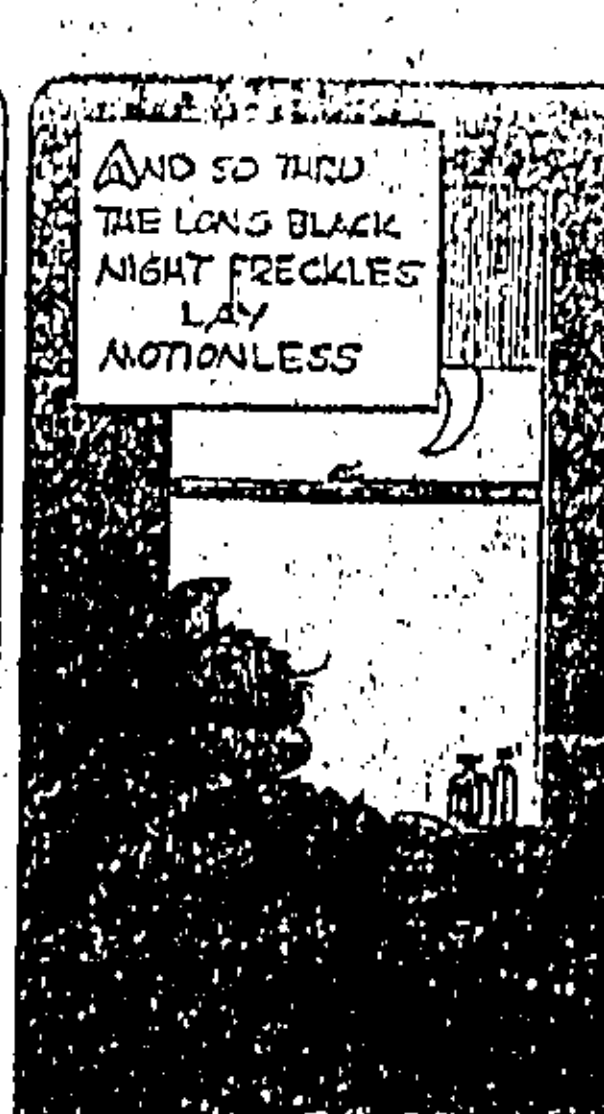
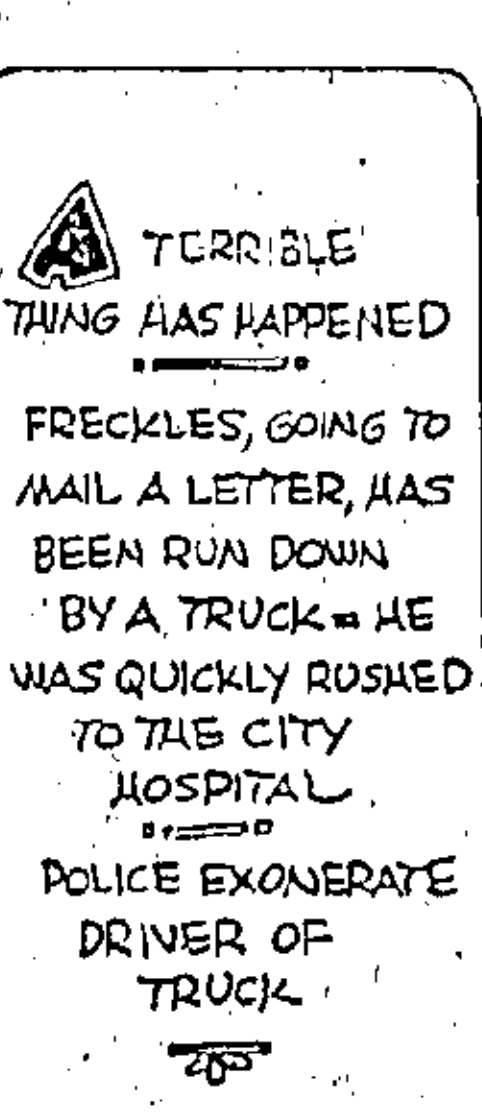
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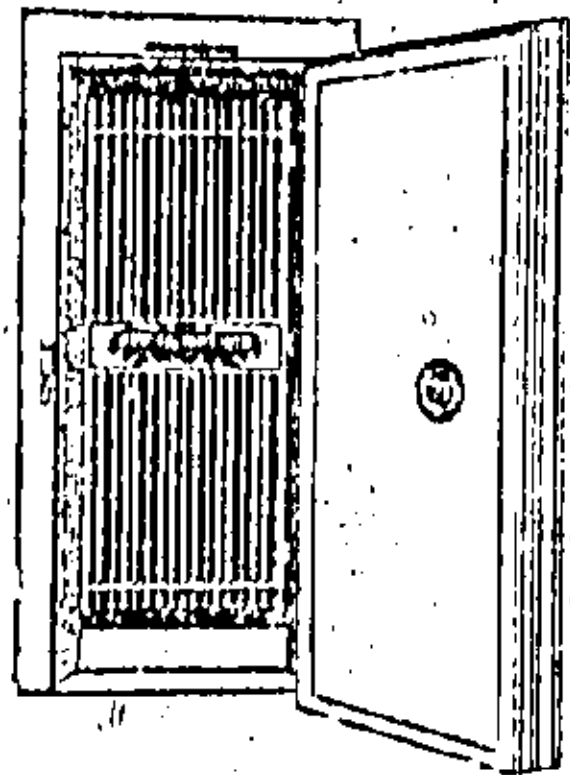
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BIRTHS.

WHYTE-SMITH.—At 38, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh, on New Year's Day, the wife of T. S. Whyte-Smith—a daughter.

REID.—At the Peak Hospital on 31st. December, 1925, to Jean, wife of Douglas Reid—a son.

The Telegraph

MONDAY, JAN. 4, 1926.

NEW TRAMWAY
NEEDED.

Peak residents who hoped that the passing of a vote by the Legislative Council on Tuesday to cover the cost of a survey of a suggested route for a new tramway from Murray Barracks to Wanchai Gap implied that this undertaking would shortly be put in hand, will no doubt be disappointed to learn that the scheme has for the time being been shelved. All the same, whether this particular route or any other be chosen, the time will assuredly come when some such scheme will have to be adopted. Apart from the congestion on the existing system, which, despite the admirable efforts that have been made to cope with it, is still very marked at certain hours of the day, the great fact remains that various parts of the hill district have been so opened up for the building of houses that scores of homes are far removed either from the terminus or the intermediate stations of the present Peak Tramway. It is true that the motor road to the Peak has been of benefit to several residents, but for the ordinary householder who does not own a car it is an expensive business to get to and from town by means of motor-car. What is badly needed is a new tramway system which will skirt the face of the island and come out at the eastern end of the Peak, where in recent years there has been considerable residential development. It may be that at present the military lands deadlock holds up such a scheme as this, but it ought to be possible to map out a route, possibly in conjunction with the present system, by which unoccupied land could be utilised for this purpose and the release thereof be arranged with the War Department.

In recent years, one or two schemes have been suggested for the provision of a new tramway route, and the fact that matters have gone so far as to make rough

surveys is sufficient to show that the need of an extended service is recognised. Whatever the means adopted, it is clear that there is a distinct call for better transport facilities to outlying districts on the higher levels, and the putting of a scheme into operation ought not to be unduly delayed. So far as the eastern part of the Peak is concerned—that is, the area within reach of the motor road—a vast improvement on existing services would be effected if there were motor-buses running to and from the city, and we imagine that there would be considerable patronage therefor if a tariff could be arranged anywhere near the Peak Tramway rates. This, of course, would be a matter for private enterprise, and possibly a canvass of the district would disclose whether such a venture would be commercially profitable.

Rain-Making.

The news that one of the Professors at Hongkong University is experimenting in rain-making, disclosed at Tuesday's meeting of the Legislative Council, has caused a considerable degree of interest. The fact that the Government has made a grant towards the necessary apparatus shows that official cognisance has been given to what might prove of great scientific value. We do not know whether Hongkong will benefit very much were its fogs turned into rain, considering that foggy weather usually coincides with damp days, but if the researches lead to the banishing of our peak fogs (even in the form of raindrops) there should be a considerable section of our population who will be thankful to the Professor. Commenting on the subject from an entirely unscientific standpoint, we recall our physiography lectures at school, when the elements of rain-formation were instilled into our minds as being the somewhat sudden cooling of moisture-laden air, principally through its ascent to upper regions of the atmosphere, such as happens when a current of air strikes a mountain-side. Our Peak mists are no doubt caused by the fairly rapid formation of moisture particles against the hillsides. We recall various methods of rain-production, one of the best-known being the causing of sudden pressure or other disturbances in a moisture-laden atmosphere, "by firing with cannon at hovering clouds. An ingenious invention announced some years ago was the firing of a large ring of metal out of a funnel-shaped gun, thus causing something of a minor cyclonic disturbance in a cloud belt, and bringing down rain. Lately, there have been reports of American experiments in the clouds with "electrified sand" (whatever that is) scattered from aeroplanes. Perhaps Hongkong is about to gain additional publicity through being the home of an even more intriguing means of rain-making.

World Wireless.

The news of Marconi's conclusion of arrangements for operating a world-wide system of wireless comes as a sequel to many months of negotiations and preliminary reports, and finally places the scheme in the list of early accomplishments. The question of whether this radio service—or rather linked service—will prove a serious rival of the cable companies has been discussed a great deal in the past year or two, and the general conclusion, which there appears to be no reason to alter, is that the cable services will continue to hold an important place in the scheme of communications all over the world. In the case of special conditions, the cable telegraphs must remain paramount, as they are proof against even the most adverse atmospheric disturbances, but in a general way wireless will serve a big demand for more accommodation over a wider area. The newspaper press is not the least of the concerns interested in the development of radio communication all over the world. Perhaps, in time, the cost of wireless will be cheaper than at present, and the service obtain an even larger clientele. One of the chief effects of the new Marconi contracts is the linking of all parts of the British Empire by means of the big "beam" stations, and the announcement made by Router on Saturday contains the interesting intimation that these inter-Empire services

DAY BY DAY.

EVERY HEART THAT HAS BEAT STRONG AND CHEERFULLY HAS LEFT A HOPEFUL IMPULSE BEHIND IT IN THE WORLD, AND BETTERED THE TRADITION OF MANKIND.—R. L. Stevenson.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.7/16d.

The P. & O. liner Delta, which left Singapore on the 2nd instant, at 7 a.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on the 8th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison and Mr. H. C. Shrubsole were passengers arriving here from Manila by the s.s. President Wilson.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Rev. G. R. Lindsay to be Honorary Visiting Chaplain to the Kowloon Hospital.

The s.s. Empress of Asia will sail from Hongkong at daylight on Friday, the 8th instant, one day later than previously announced.

In the Adamson Cup seventh qualifying competition, played at Happy Valley on December 27th, Mr. T. Bateman qualified with a score of 84—107 minus 23.

Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, Executive Engineer in Charge of Roads, returned on the President Wilson from a short visit to Baguio, accompanied by Mrs. Goldsmith.

St. Andrew's Church Vestry is faced with heavy liabilities, but has decided to rely on freewill offerings rather than bazaars or similar methods. A sum of \$3,000 is needed.

The Hongkong Hotel bus service will start from outside Mac's Cafeteria, instead of Statue Square, as announced in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

After-dinner dancing will take place nightly in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel from 9.15 p.m. to midnight. There will be no charge to diners, but non-diners will be charged one dollar per head.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Empress of Russia were Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Lieut.-Col. Montagu Bates, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. J. Behar, Mr. C. M. Manners, and Mr. P. W. Massey.

News has been received by the Procure des Missions Belges, at Shanghai, from their Central mission station, Ninghsia, Kansu, that Rev. Father Mevis, the Catholic priest who was captured last month by a gang of 30 bandits, has been released. No further details are at present available.

Much sympathy goes out to Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in connection with the disastrous fire at the Hongkong Hotel, as he is at present a patient in the Peak Hospital. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery to health.

The St. Andrew's Church Christmas carol choir, which, under the direction of Mr. J. C. Loyal, visited various districts in Kowloon during the festive season, collected a sum of \$251.62, which is to be divided between the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the Hongkong Benevolent Society and the Missions to Seamen.

A settlement was reached in the strike at the Commercial Press, Ltd., Shanghai, on Christmas Day, when the negotiations followed a very serious disturbance which compelled Chinese soldiers guarding the Paoshan Road factory to use their rifles after four soldiers were injured by a shower of stones hurled at them by a large crowd of strikers. Colonel Liu, in charge of the soldiers, gave orders to fire and 20 shots were fired over the heads of the strikers. Six or seven men were injured and the soldiers charged at the crowd with fixed bayonets and arrested 44 of the ring-leaders.

will be in operation early this year. Much has been going on "behind the scenes," whispers of which have reached the public, and it is gratifying to learn definitely that all obstacles have apparently been overcome, and the ideal of Imperial radio communication is about to be realised.

TOBACCO SEIZURE.

CASE TO BE RE-HEARD.

As a result of the seizure of 57 bales of raw tobacco at Yau-mat breakwater on Monday last by revenue officers, a confiscation order was later obtained.

The case was recalled at the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when an application for a re-hearing was made by Mr. Leo d'Almada.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office, said he appeared to see that Mr. D'Almada satisfied the Court that the persons he was representing were really the owners of the tobacco. After that, the question could be gone into as to the circumstances under which the tobacco was brought to the Colony.

Mr. D'Almada said the facts appeared to be that the consignment of tobacco was sent from Canton in a fishing junk to the port of Hongkong, and was seized by the revenue officers. An agent of the owners subsequently interviewed Mr. Lloyd, and asked to be allowed to pay the necessary duties, but he was apparently dissatisfied, and he told the agent to go to the Court on the next morning. The agent understood, however, that he was to appear before Mr. Lloyd at his office, and that was the reason why he did not come to Court. Now that the man was in Court, he had evidence to show that he was the rightful agent for the owners, and they were prepared to pay the necessary duties.

Mr. Lindsell said he saw no objection. He would adjourn the case until Friday, and Mr. Lloyd and Mr. D'Almada could discuss the matter together.

DEATH OF MR.
DENMAN FULLER.FORMER CATHEDRAL
ORGANIST.

It is with the deepest of regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., for many years organist of St. John's Cathedral, which took place in a nursing home in Bournemouth on Christmas Day, after a long and painful illness.

For something like sixteen years, the late Mr. Fuller was organist and choir-master of St. John's Cathedral, holding the dual position until compelled some two or three years ago to resign on account of ill-health. He was also prominently associated with the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, and was, in addition, Secretary of the City Hall Library and curator of the Museum. Never a robust man, the deceased, during his last few years in Hongkong, suffered greatly from an internal complaint, and it was after several severe operations both here and at home that he was eventually compelled to leave the Colony, being by then a helpless invalid. In spite of his failing health, before his retirement he remained loyal at his post when many another less devoted to the task would have long since given up, and by his organ and pianoforte recitals he raised much money for the Cathedral organ, in the reconstruction of which he did much valuable work.

The deceased, who was 45 years of age and unmarried, was a most talented organist and pianist, and he also composed a number of works, incidentally writing the music for the Hongkong University anthem.

The late Mr. Fuller's numerous friends will hear with the utmost regret of his death and will join in sympathising with his relatives in the bereavement they have suffered.

FRENCH POLITICS.

A SOCIALIST VOTE.

Paris, Jan. 2.
At a meeting of the Socialist Federation of Limoges, the voting was 15 to 5 against participation with the Radical Ministry.—Indopacifi.

ALL-NIGHT SITTING.

Paris, Jan. 2.
The Chamber passed, yesterday morning, the vote for provisional accounts for January, after an all-night sitting. Parliament will resume on the 12th January.—Indopacifi.

EUROPEAN PEACE.

PRAISE FOR FRENCH
PRESIDENT.

Paris, Jan. 2.
Official receptions were held yesterday with the usual ceremonial. Cardinal Ceretti presenting the Diplomatic Corps at the Elysee, praised the work at Locarno, saying that "it is being demonstrated in France more than anywhere else, and it will be to her glory that are found men of goodwill who are workers towards peace, and there is one amongst all others to whom goes at this time—and that is you, Monsieur le President—our unanimous sentiments of admiration and gratitude for the task which is more than in name your own."

M. Doumergue replied:—"France, that did all in the past to propagate the great principles which constitute to-day the common rights of the people, will attach herself resolutely to realise this high conception of international intercourse on which depends the establishment of peace."—Indopacifi.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN PUBLICIST.

London, Jan. 3.
The death has occurred of Mr. G. H. Mair, C.M.G.—*Reuter*.
[George Herbert Mair has been Assistant Director of the League of Nations Secretariat since 1919. Born in 1887, educated at Aberdeen and Oxford, he joined the editorial staff of the *Manchester Guardian* in 1909, and acted later as leader writer and political correspondent in London. He became assistant editor of the *Daily Chronicle* in 1914, but resigned to do whole-time work first with the Home Office and later with the Foreign Office (News Department), and in the Ministry of Information. He was the director of the Press section of the British Peace Delegation to Paris in 1919, when he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. The C.M.G. was conferred on him in 1920.]

SUPPRESSING BANDITS.

GEN. LI FOOK-LUM STILL
ACTIVE.

With the co-operation of land and naval forces, a big scheme is now being taken in hand by the Canton authorities for the suppression of bandits and pirates in the West River.

A definite step forward was made on Christmas morning, when General Li Fook-lum, making Yung Kee as his base, commenced operations from four directions by water and by land with the result, it is reported, that three of the bandits' launches were sunk, five captured and many wooden vessels manned by pirates also captured. On land, the bandits were so heavily defeated that they fled in all directions, leaving a great many killed and wounded in their trail. The bandits mostly fled into the districts of Ching Shan and Suei Kai, where engagements are being taken up by troops stationed at pre-arranged points.

In this one concerted action of the troops and Navy, it is expected that the lower reaches of the West River and the delta will be quite freed of bandits.

GREEK RULE.

PREMIER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Athens, Jan. 3.
The Premier, General Pangalos, has announced that henceforth he is assuming entire responsibility for the government of the country, and will rely solely on the power of the army and the national conscience to save Greece.

He undertook to furnish reasons. Meanwhile the Senate elections have been postponed sine die.—*Reuter*.

ELECTIONS POSTPONED.

Athens, Jan. 3.
It is officially explained that the postponement of the senate elections sine die is due to certain party leaders persisting, giving them a political complexion which will thus defeat the Government's object in obtaining a cessation of the increasing political tension.—*Reuter*.

ATHERLEY CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Company's Banking account, went instead into the private account of Mr. Atherley at the International Bank.

Counsel commented on what he termed the significance of these changes, and went on to remark that if Mr. Atherley did receive these monies from sources entirely unconnected with his Company, it was a striking coincidence that such monies as he paid into his private account should correspond exactly with the total received from the dealers and duly noted on the deposits slip handed in to him by the compradore at the end of the day.

STRIKING COINCIDENCES.

Counsel lay stress on the fact that accused was in receipt of a salary which worked out in local currency to \$870 a month, and conjectured on how, within a period of five or six days, between March 24th and March 31st, accused was able to pay into his private account sums amounting to \$5,148, which was equivalent to six months' salary. Of course, Mr. Atherley might be able to explain that he obtained this last sum from a source unconnected with the Company, but there again it was a striking coincidence that it should total the amounts received by the dealers and handed over to him at his own request.

In April, within one calendar month, Mr. Atherley had received a sum of \$21,327 which was equivalent to just over two years of his salary. When he got this money, counsel said, he did not know. He would not like to suggest, but so far as his case was concerned he could prove that at least a part of this money could be traced to sums over which the accused had control as Manager of Getz Bros. in Hongkong.

Another significant fact, in counsel's estimation, was that the first cheque drawn upon the accused's private account was for an amount of \$4,022.50 in favour of Messrs. Fred Ellis and Company, well-known here as share and stock dealers, the date of this being March 25th, which was the March Settlement Day of the local Stock Exchange, this fact leaving no doubt in the minds of business men that on March 24th there was a pressing need on the part of Atherley to make payment of \$4,022.50 to Messrs. Fred Ellis and Company.

Counsel then went on to deal with the diversion of the monies received by the compradore for and on behalf of the Company, during the course of the day, from the bank into the accused's control. He referred to various amounts. The accused on his own part would give his own personal receipts for the amounts he received from the compradore, and these were surrendered for a final receipt which he gave for the total and accumulative amount of \$13,000 odd.

HORATIO BOTTOMLEY CASE QUOTED.

Mr. Jenkin proceeded to make extensive quotations from the Law Times Reports of the Horatio Bottomley case on the definition of what was, what was not, and what could be embezzlement. It did not matter from whom the prisoner received the money as long as he received it in such a way that it was impossible to say that he received it on account of anybody else.

As manager Atherley had received money from another employee, who was bound to obey his instructions. There could be no question that the money was received by him on behalf of Getz Brothers, and that he would have been obliged to pay it to the President on demand if he had suddenly turned up from California.

Counsel proceeded to give further details of prisoner's transactions with sharebrokers. At the March Settlement, 1924, he paid a cheque for \$4,022.50 to Messrs. Fred Ellis and Co., and at June Settlement Day he paid a cheque for \$4,000 to Carroll Bros., and a cheque for \$1,964.30 to Messrs. Fred Ellis and Co.

In May, 1924, at the date of the Share Settlement, he had paid \$3,000 to some one whom they had been unable to trace.

It was significant that a man earning such a small salary should be drawing a cheque of such an amount on a Settlement Day.

It was also significant that the amount paid out to various people on those three Settlement Days was \$13,076.30, a sum which approximated very closely to the \$13,149 which he was alleged to have misappropriated during the period.

FORMER HONGKONG ORGANIST.



The late Mr. Denman Fuller, for many years organist and choirmaster of St. John's Cathedral, whose death occurred in a nursing home at Bournemouth on Christmas Day.

TAIMOSHAN.

TWO PILGRIMAGES ON SATURDAY.

The well-known peak in the New Territories, Taimoshan, was one of the holiday attractions over the week-end, and the weather was just ideal for the climb.

On Saturday a party of twelve from the European Y.M.C.A., journeying out to Tsinwan by motorcar, had an enjoyable excursion to the top, and, led by a member who was familiar with the route, found the going less trying than it had been on the previous climb on Boxing Day. The summit was reached in about two and a half hours, and after a much-appreciated lunch the party returned to sea-level by an alternative path. The weather conditions could not have been better, and a superb view was obtained from the summit, ships in the harbour being easily discerned, the Hermes being among the most conspicuous.

Another party of climbers, six in number and including four ladies, arrived at the top soon after the others, and descended on the side towards Taipei.

This climb is only one of the outdoor activities which the Y.M.C.A. have in their programme. It is hoped to arrange a visit to Lantau island in the near future, when the peak there will be tackled, and the outing will probably involve an overnight stay in the huts that have been erected there.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

NAVY DEFEAT H.K. C.C.

The two-day match between the Navy and the Hongkong Cricket Club ended on Saturday in a win for the naval team by six wickets.

The Navy compiled the excellent total of 332 runs in their first innings (Lieut. Halsey 83, St. Comdr. Armitage 57, Mid. Stephenson 45, Lieut. Sillicoe 45, Lt.-Col. Cantrell 33 not out). Rev. T. R. Powell took 6 Navy wickets for 82. The Club in their first venture compiled 157, only A. W. Hayward (63) and H. Owen Hughes (35) being able to stand up long to the bowling, Lt.-Col. Cantrell taking 6 for 71. Following on in the afternoon on Saturday, the Club did better in their second knock, and compiled 207 (Owen Hughes 45, T. E. Pearce 49), leaving their opponents only 32 to make up. Lt.-Col. Cantrell took 5 for 68.

The Navy compiled 42 for the loss of four wickets, all of which were captured by Bowker, for 17 runs.

LEAGUE MATCH.

The Civil Service Cricket Club met the Royal Artillery in the only League match on Saturday, and it ended in a tie, both sides scoring 149. Major Hattersley Smith contributed 80 to the Artillery score, being undefeated at the end. B. D. Evans took 5 for 31. The Civil Service batsmen who did best were F. J. de Rome (29) and A. E. Wood (39). Lieut. Smith took 4 for 19.

OTHER GAMES.

The K. C. C. and H. K. C. C. contested a friendly match at Kowloon on Saturday, which was drawn. The visitors scored 130 (W. W. Mackenzie 53), and the Kowloon eleven compiled 91 in reply. The H. K. C. C. declared at 135 for 4 in their second innings (Parker 46), and the K.C.C. had compiled 131 when stumps were drawn (Ramsey 38, Lyal 37, and Lee 30 not out).

The Chinese R. C. drew with H. M. S. Hawkins at Causeway Bay. The naval team declared at 168 for 9 (Bliss 31, Krier 35, and Smyth 44 not out). The C.R.C. in reply had 216 for 5, Yeoh being 86 not out.

Craigengower defeated Taikee by a big margin in a match at Happy Valley. The Taikee team lacked sting in their bowling, and were 150 in arrears at the close of play.

A Navy team played the second team of the Indian R.C. at Sookun-poo, and the match ended in a draw. The home side declared at 169 for 6 (Wahab 63, not out), and the visitors had scored 121 for 6 when stumps were drawn.

ITALY'S QUEEN MOTHER.

DYING AT BORDIGHERA.

Rome, Jan. 3. Queen Margherita, the Queen Mother, who was recently reported seriously ill, is dying at Bordighera. Their Majesties the King and Queen have departed thither. *Reuter.*

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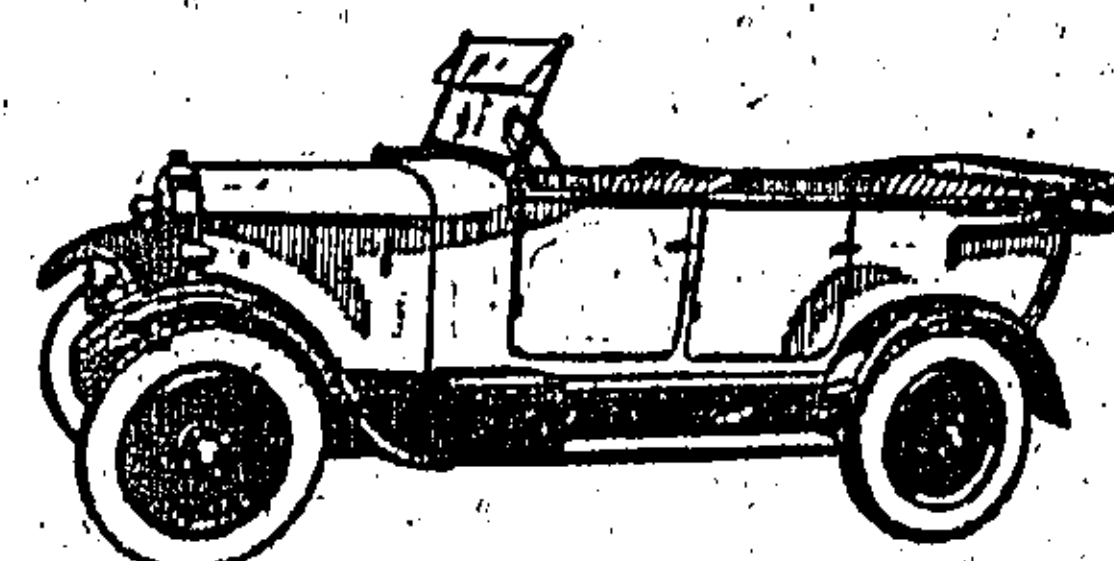
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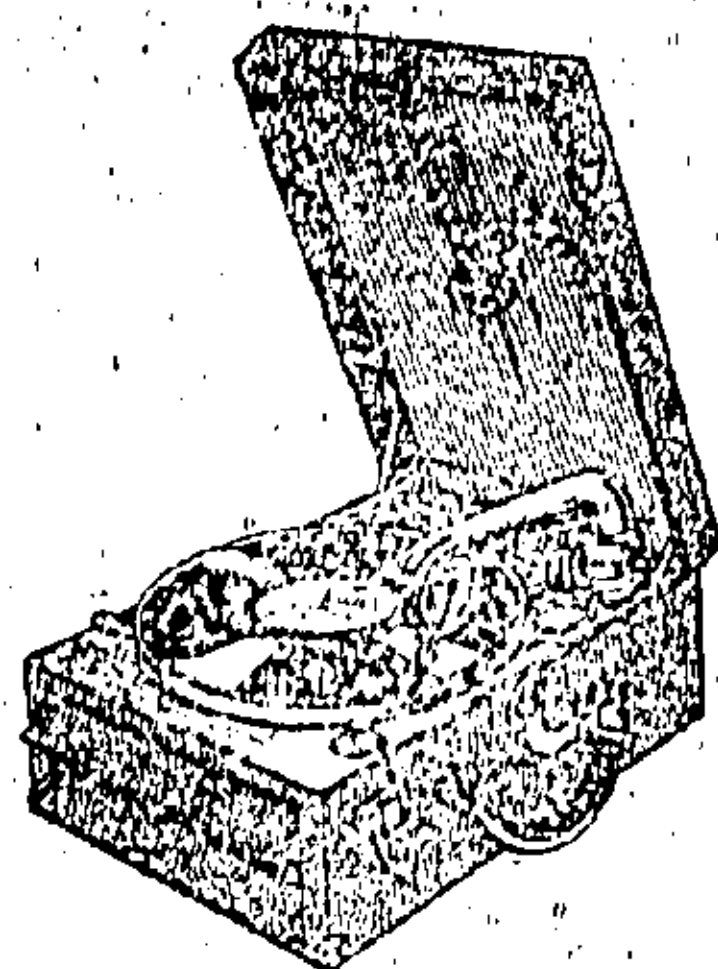
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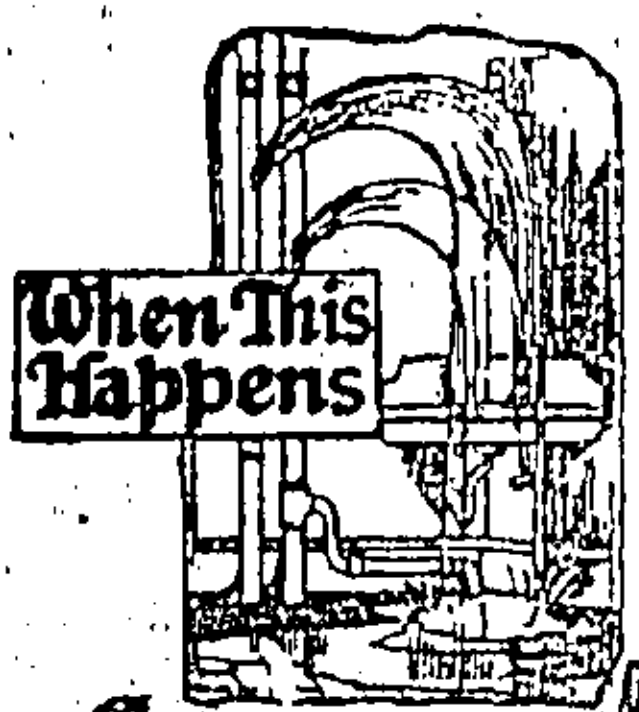
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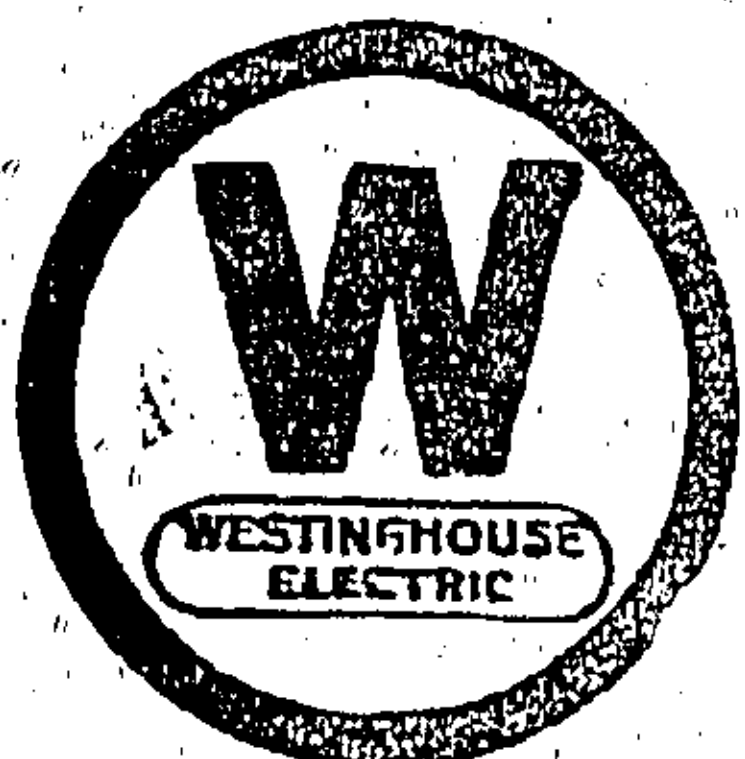
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BAD WEATHER.

FIERCE STORMS IN EUROPE.

London, Jan. 2.
Owing to widespread floods in
England many football and hockey
matches were cancelled. The
Thames overflowed its banks in
several places and is still rising.
Many bungalows at Sunbury and
Chertsey are cut off and boats are
being employed to deliver goods.—
Reuter.

Alarm in France.

Paris, Jan. 1.
Floods are extending into the
provinces, in some places alarm-
ingly. Several million francs
damage has been caused in the
region of Gann, Normandy. Thou-
sands of workmen have been ren-
dered idle in the North-east, owing
to the necessity of closing fac-
tories.—Reuter.

Rivers Rising.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.
Rivers in the Netherlands con-
tinue to rise. The flooded area
is estimated now at over ten thou-
sand acres, but hitherto no lives
have been lost. The town of
Venlo is completely flooded. The
Queen yesterday night left for
Nijmegen to inspect the immense
damage.—Reuter.

Dykes Collapse.

Amsterdam, Jan. 2.
The dyke of the Meuse, near
Cuyck, has collapsed. Torrents
of water are rushing into the
eastern part of the province of
Brabant. The situation is most
critical.

Amsterdam, Jan. 2.

The floods in the districts of the
rivers Meuse, Rhine and Lek have
assumed the character of a great
catastrophe. Railway dykes have
collapsed in several places and
others are threatening to collapse.
The damage is so serious that
it will be months before railway
traffic can be resumed.

Several villages have been prac-
tically evacuated and the cattle
transferred to higher land. The
authorities are working day and
night to assist the population.—
Reuter.

Queen Visits Stricken Districts.

The Hague, Jan. 2.
The Queen, the Prince Consort,
and the Vice-President of the
Dutch Red Cross Society have left
to ascertain the amount of damage
by floods in the provinces of
Gelderland and Limburg.

Nijmegen, Jan. 3.
Their Majesties visited the in-
undated regions in a boat, follow-
ed by a second boat loaded with
volunteers for distribution among
the population. The whole re-
gion between the rivers Meuse
and Waal is at present flooded.
Military and police in boats are
rescuing the peasant families from
attics of farm houses.

Roads, and the railway dykes
are crowded with people who have
fled from their homes, leaving all
their property behind.

The level of the Meuse and
Rhine has risen a further twenty
inches during the last twenty-
four hours. The streets in Venlo
are flooded forty inches and
current is under water.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Jan. 2.

The Government is hurrying men
and material to the inundated re-
gions. All leave has been stopped
for the military and navy.—Reuter.

8,000 Houses Under Water.

Brussels, Jan. 2.
The King and several Ministers
have visited the inundated regions.
The Minister of Labour telegraphed
for unemployment pay to the flood-
ed districts and is considering the
possibility of requisitioning thou-
sands of pumps from all over the
country and concentrating them
in the flooded areas. Over 8,000
houses in Liege are under water.
The Government is taking urgent
measures to cope with the disas-
ter.—Reuter.

Brussels, Jan. 2.

The Belgian newspapers and
the Belgian Red Cross Society
have opened a National fund for
the aid of the victims of the
floods, which constitute a national
disaster.—Reuter.

In Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 3.
Germany is still affected by
floods all over the continent. Re-
ports from Cologne state that the
Rhine registered a record of 31 1/2
feet above normal. The water
reached the third floor of some of
the houses bordering the river.
Traffic and business at the markets
was suspended. Quantities of
furniture and other wreckage were
seen swirling down the stream.
Losses are estimated at millions
of marks.—Reuter.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE CONCERT.

IN AID OF NEW BUILDING FUND.

The St. Stephen's College New
Building Fund should be consid-
erably augmented as the result of
the large attendance at the cinema-
tegraph and concert which was held
at the Girls' School on Saturday
night.

The programme consisted of two
cinematograph films kindly lent for
the occasion by Mr. H. W. Ray of
the Hongkong Amusement Co., Ltd.,
and were fully enjoyed by the
audience. "The Silent Call," fea-
turing Stronger Heart, the famous
dog hero, and "Our Gang Comedy"
were the two productions given on
the screen.

Included in the programme was
an item of ventriloquism by the
Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, assistant
vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kow-
loon. The garrulous "Skylark"
was introduced to the audience and
his interruptions of Rev. Arrow-
smith's story of William Tell were
numerous as well as humorous.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell was at
the piano during the cinema-
tegraph show.

LAWN BOWLS.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN.

In place of the usual interna-
tional match at Kowloon Bowling
Green Club on New Year's day,
representatives of the various
clubs in the Hongkong Lawn Bowls
Association were the guests of the
Association President (Mr. D. D.
Gow) and the Vice-President (Mr.
B. W. Bradbury).

There was a large attendance of
enthusiasts and eight rinks were
occupied. Most of the games were
very keenly contested, adding much
to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

The weather was all that could
be desired and quite a fair number
of spectators spent a very pleasant
afternoon in watching the proceed-
ings.

During the course of the after-
noon tea was provided, and later a
group photograph taken.

At the close the President and
Vice-President of the Association
were warmly thanked for their hos-
pitality.

ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT.

AMBITIOUS SCHEME IN BERLIN.

The city fathers of Berlin have
a project on hand which is destin-
ed to rival, and even outdo, the
baths of ancient Rome. It is
nothing less than an artificial
Riviera, a sunny strand with
artificial sunlight created by
ultra-violet rays, which will
accommodate three thousand
persons.

These will have had an
opportunity of bathing first
in a mammoth swimming
bath, whose floor will be
lighted by electricity to minimise
the risk of accidents. The water
and steam-heating for this bath
will come from a factory close by
which manufactures synthetic
ice. It was to the desire of this
factory to utilise its waste pro-
ducts that the idea is due, but the
city of Berlin will have two-thirds
of shares in the undertaking,
which it is calculated will cost
five million gold marks. The cost
of a bath and as long a time as
one cares to spend in the sunshine
will work out at not more than
thirty pfennigs (fourpence). Early
mornings will be reserved for
school.

When it is seen that the plans
include a vast sun bath on the
roof of the swimming bath, the
claim that this project will be one
of the finest things modern
hygiene has accomplished does
not appear exaggerated. The
ice-factory contemplates also an
artificial skating-rink for the
winter months.

Salmon Sunday, an observance
peculiar to the Lancashire village
of Paythorne, near Gisburn, was
celebrated in November. The
origin of the custom is lost in
antiquity, but one of the most
likely explanations is that in the
old days, when salmon poaching
was rife, people used to assemble
on Paythorne bridge at this sea-
son in order to snare the con-
gregating salmon. The habit of
meeting there became fixed, and
is still observed although the
modern visitors content them-
selves with simply watching the
salmon pass.

BLUE GOLDFISH.

FANTASTIC FINNY PETS.

There are few readers, no
doubt, who have come across a
goldfish which is entirely blue.
Yet such specimens have been
bred by fanciers, amongst whom
there is always an ambition to
excel in this direction.

These blue goldfishes—the
rarest and most valuable of all
the fancy forms—are of the
variety known as "scaleless," on
account of their scales being so
transparent as to be scarcely
noticeable.

They have not the metallic
lustre of the ordinary kinds, but
possess a beauty of their own,
their delicate hues appearing as
though they had been painted on
the fish with watercolours.

Not only in delicacy but in
variety of coloration do these
scaleless fish excel, for in addition
to blue, they may be adorned
with purple and lavender, whilst
they develop a much deeper and
richer red—of an ox-blood tint
than their thicker-skinned
brethren.

A combination of hues, termed
"calico colours," and highly
prized by fanciers, comprise
irregular blotches, or spots, in
shades of lavender, blue, red,
yellow, brown, black and grey,
scattered all over the body or
arranged in fantastic patterns,
with, sometimes, small red and
black spots on the white fins.

GREAT VALUE.

As a rule, the more blue on a
fish, the greater its value, but,
though wholly blue specimens
have been cultivated, these have,
unfortunately, been lacking in
the degree of development of
form and fins demanded in the
case of those aristocrats of the
goldfish world.

A writer in a Home
paper describes a scaleless
fringetail which, though as
yet not fully developed, has
already the qualities of a high-
class fish of its kind—the
characteristic curvature of the
spine, the short, rounded body,
the high, sail-like dorsal fin, and
the long, drooping lower fins,
which with the graceful,
pendulous tail-fin, are all paired

and of the most delicate texture.
Amongst two dozen fishes of
the same brood in my
possession, he says, some
are developing the grotesque
projecting eyes of the telescope
goldfish, whilst several of the
"calico" specimens are well
splashed with blue. These "blue-
blooded gentry" are not likely to
increase their cerulean adorn-
ment, however, for, unlike
young of the ordinary goldfish,
which may take a year to attain
their full colours and are always
liable to change, the scaleless
young pass directly, within a few
months, from the dingy hues of
babyhood to their final livery.

Official returns for the first
month of the new recruiting year
show that 1,704 men were finally
approved for service in the
Territorial Army as compared
with 1,408 in the corresponding
month of 1924. The Territorial
strength, exclusive of permanent
staff, on November 1 was 145,161.
To complete the establishments
1,460 officers and 37,111 other
ranks are still required.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

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Division I.		
Birmingham	2	Sunderland
Burnley	2	Aston Villa
Bury	3	Blackburn
Cardiff City	2	Manchester C.
Leeds United	2	Notts C.
Liverpool	0	Leicester C.
Manchester U.	0	West Ham
Newcastle	5	Bolton W.
Sheffield U.	1	Everton
Tottenham	1	Arsenal
West Brom	2	Huddersfield T.

Arsenal	24	13	5	6	50	37	31
Huddersfield	22	10	9	3	45	35	29
Sunderland	25	12	5	8	56	45	29
Manch. Un.	23	12	4	7	41	32	28
Bury	24	13	2	9	55	50	28
Sheffield U.	25	11	5	9	58	53	27
Aston Villa	24	10	7	7	55	45	27
Tottenham	24	11	5	8	46	48	27
West Brom	24	10	6	8	53	42	26
Birmingham	26	11	4	11	44	46	26
Newcastle	24	9	7	8	50	47	25
Bolton	24	10	4	10	49	50	24
Everton	25	7	10	8	49	50	24
Liverpool	23	8	6	9	38	32	22
Cardiff	25	9	3	13	37	55	21
Notts City	24	8	4	12	36	41	20
Leicester	24	7	6	11	45	52	20
West Ham	24	9	2	13	34	51	20
Leeds U.	24	8	4	12	40	47	20
Burnley	25	7	6	12	46	72	20
Blackburn	24	6	7	11	47	49	19
Manch. City	25	6	7	12	58	70	19

Division II.		
Barnsley	3	Oldham A.
Bradford C.	4	Chelsea
Derby C.	3	Hull C.
Fulham	3	The Wednesday
Middlesbrough	4	Portsmouth
Nottingham	2	Darlington
Port Vale	4	Clapton Orient
Preston N.E.	1	Warrington
Southampton	2	Blackpool
S. Shields	3	Swansea T.
Stockport C.	2	Stoke C.

Derby C.	23	15	3	5	30	21	35
Wednesday	24	15	3	6	59	31	33
South Sids	24	13	3	8	46	36	29
Chelsea	23	10	8	5	47	28	28
Middlesbrough	25	14	0	11	51	43	28
Oldham	22	11	5	6	42	33	27
Port Vale	24	12	2	10	46	40	26
Portsmouth	24	10	6	8	49	54	26
Blackpool	24	10	5	9	43	35	25
Hull City	23	10	3	10	32	32	23
Swansea	21	9	4	8	40	34	22
Bradford C.	22	8	6	8	30	29	22
Wolves	22	9	4	9	34	32	22
Barnsley	23	8	6	9	36	42	22
Preston	24	10	2	12	41	55	22
Notts For.	23	7	6	10	29	30	20
Stoke	23	7	6	10	31	41	20
Darlington	22	6	7	9	36	49	19
Southampton	24	6	6	12	34	39	18
Fulham	23	5	5	13	25	48	15
Stockport	24	5	4	15	30	56	14
Clapton	22	4	6	2	14	24	14

Division III (South).		
Aberdare	8	Watford
Brighton & H.A.	2	Newport C.
Exeter C.	3	Reading
Luton T.	4	Merthyr T.
Millwall	1	Crystal Palace
Northampton	6	Brentford
Norwich C.	1	Exeter C.
Queen's Park R.	0	Gillingham
Southend U.	2	Plymouth A.
Swindon T.	8	Bournemouth

Plymouth	22	13	6	3	62	33	30
Reading	23	11	8	4	37	27	30
Bristol City	23	12	5	6	42	28	29
Brighton	22	12	4	6	51	40	28
Northants	22	11	4	7	46	40	26
Millwall	22	10	5	7	40	24	25
Southend	22	12	1	9	48	36	25
Gillingham	23	10	5	8	42	35	25
Swindon	22	10	4	8	33	27	24
Watford	22	9	5	8	37	45	23
Merthyr	22	7	7	8	35	38	21
Norwich	23	8	5	10	30	38	21
Exeter	23	8	4	11	37	39	20
Newport	22	7	6	9	27	38	20
Luton	23	8	4	11	39	47	20
Bristol Rovers	22	8	3	11	36	31	19
Charlton	20	5	9	6	19	22	19
Aberdare	22	7	4	11	43	45	18
Bournemouth	22	6	5	11	29	53	17
Crystal P.	22	7	2	13	39	45	16
Brentford	22	7	2	13	31	54	16
Q. P. R.	22	4	6	12	21	38	14

Division III (North).		
Accrington	5	Walsall
Crews A.	1	Nelson
Durham C.	2	Tranmere R.
Hull C.	2	Chesterfield
Hartlepool	1	Rochevale
Lincoln C.	0	Gowtrey
New Brighton	2	Barrow
Rotherham	2	Bradford
Southport	0	Wrexham
Wigan Boro	0	Ashington

Bradford	23	15	3	5	41	21	33
Rochevale	22	12	5	5	50	30	29
Nelson	22	10	8	4	51	26	28
Grimsby	21	11	5	6	45	24	27
Halifax	22	11	5	6	35	24	27
Hartlepool	23	11	5	7	43	41	27
Chesterfield	21	11	4	6	39	21	26
Coventry	22	11	3	8	46	35	25
Accrington	22	12	2	9	43	49	24
Durham	21	7	9	5	39	34	23
Durham	23	11	1	11	39	42	23
Ashington	23	8	6	9	35	31	22
Crews	21	9	3	9	36	36	21
Wrexham	22	6	9	7	36	43	21
Lincoln	22	9	2	11	35	39	20
Wigan	22	7	5	10	39	40	19
N. Brighton	22	8	3	11	30	41	19
Rotherham	22	7	4	11	27	55	18
Tranmere	22	7	3	12	35	52	17
Southport	21	4	7	10	31	43	15
Barrow	23	4	2	17	33	50	10
Walsall	22	3	4	15	25	65	10

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

JUNIOR MATCHES POSTPONED.

(BY "WANDERER.")

For reasons difficult to ascertain, only five matches were commenced and completed in the Hongkong Football League, and four of these were in the First Division. Two matches started in the "Third Division" came to a premature end, Moslem "B" declining to finish their match with St. Joseph's. Reserves after being two down at the interval. They started with six men. Moslem "A" was a goal up on the undefeated South China "C" when two of the players began to fight and a large number of the spectators invaded the pitch. The arrival of the Surrey, who were playing the Tamar, averted the possibility of an ugly scene but there is certain to be an enquiry into the cause of the disorder. Football form is upset every week as the comparative scores of the R.A., Club de Recreo and Kowloon will show:

Kowloon	8	Recreo	1
Recreo	7	R. A.	1
Kowloon	2	R. A.	2

The Club failed to repeat their previous success over South China and the Police gained an unexpected win over the Club de Recreo.

Results:

Division I.		
Tamar	0	Surreys
R. A.	2	Kowloon
Club	1	S. China
Recreo	1	Police

Division II A.		
Kowloon Res.	2	R. A. Res.

KOWLOON LOSE VALUABLE POINT.

Having the better of the game from a playing standpoint, Kowloon were unlucky to have been robbed of a point, and yet to provide a paradox, they were lucky to draw. A goal led early on was not improved upon despite countless chances and when the R. A. made one of their first dangerous moves a misunderstanding in defence gave them the equaliser. Kowloon settled down to constructive attack, but in occasional breakaways the Royal Artillery were frequently dangerous and Pulford put them ahead when Vickers wrongly ran out of his goal. Kowloon made great efforts to equalise but it was close on time when McKelvie put through. Even so there was some dispute as to whether the ball had not passed out of play when McBride put in the corner which led to the goal.

Reade, the centre-half, argued with the referee on the point and he received marching orders. The game lacked life in its early stages, but a fine individual effort by Linaker saw the centre-forward end up by shooting past Stanton with a low left-foot shot. Twice Read put in first time shots which all but found a billet, and then Taylor burst clean through and shot straight at Stanton. Twenty-five minutes after the start a misunderstanding left three R. A. players in possession about ten yards out and while Pulford was endeavouring to get the ball under control, Wilson dashed up and shot it into the net. Vickers had a chance with the shot but he started too late.

Scottish League.		
Clydebank	2	St. Johnstone
Cowdenbeath	1	Hearts
Dundee	1	Raith Rovers
Falkirk	3	Motherwell
Hamilton	3	Airdrieonians
Hibernians	0	Aberdeen
Kilmarnock	2	Dundee U.
Morton	9	St. Mirren
Queen's Park	1	Celtic
Rangers	2	Partick Thistle

Dundee were leading 1-0 against Grimsby Town, when the match was abandoned 13 minutes after half-time.

Owing to the ground being under water, the match between Bristol Rovers and Charlton was postponed.

—Reuter.

Kowloon played up with confidence after the interval, but the R.A. were playing kick and rush football which kept the Kowloon defence on the run. For a period of about fifteen minutes nothing appeared to be going wrong for the soldiers and the wonder was that only once did they manage to defeat Vickers. A strong effort by Kowloon kept play confined to the R.A. half and corner after corner was conceded. Just before the end McKelvie received from one of the concessions and shot the equaliser from twenty-five yards.

Kowloon were by no means at their best but should have won. Vickers might have had a chance with the second goal had he remained in, though even so it appeared that Wheeler and Turner had opportunities of kicking clear after Vickers had been beaten for possession. The half-backs were sound though all three have given better displays, but Linaker and Hayes were the only forwards to show to any advantage. Read could not be expected to shine in the forward line though he was an improvement on Taylor at inside-right. McBride put in many excellent centres, but received little support.

The R.A. team played the type of football which often gets goals and generally speaking it is surprising that they have not shown up better in the league tourney. Trim and Nokes were in good form and the half-backs played consistently well. The forwards had no plan of attack but by first-time passing, and hefty kicking made plenty of ground.

POLICE SURPRISE.

Credit for the smart 3-1 on the Police over the Club de Recreo must chiefly be given to Wynne and Clark, though without a doubt the absence of Gosano made the task much easier. The Recreo were the better side in the opening stages but excellent defensive work by Wynne and Harle and a couple of capital saves by Clark, kept them scoreless and eventual-ly Oram, in his debut as a centre-forward, defeated Fernandes after some neat play on the right.

The second half went much on the same lines as the first, the Recreo making repeated attacks but failing to make much impression in the goal area. McGinley increased the Police lead, Rocha headed past Clark, and then Simpson made certain of success by netting with a good shot.

The Recreo lacked finish, the absence of Gosano making all the difference. Generally speaking they were the better side, the backs giving an excellent display. Rocha and Brown could make little impression on Wynne who gave one of his best exhibitions. He was tackling surely and kicking with judgment and found time to render assistance to his half-backs. Clark was in fine fettle and the forwards were always dangerous.

THE CLUB GO DOWN.

South China defeated the Club by two goals to one after an interesting game. Play was very even throughout and though perhaps the Chinese deserved their success, Tunderstand that two goals scored by the Club were disallowed for small infringements.

Suen Kam-shun opened the scoring for the Chinese after ten minutes play, and subsequently play went much in their favour, Rodgers being tested several times. Forsyth equalised just before the interval but the winning goal fell to the Chinese after both goals had been narrow escapes.

Suen burst through shortly before the end and netted from close range.

McBride came in at inside-left and effected some improvement though he was inclined to wander into the defence. Howard led the line well and he essayed shots from all ranges without success.

SURREYS SCORE FOUR.

The Surrey kept the Tamar throughout and the naval eleven lost their sixth consecutive match by four clear goals.

A fast first-half saw the Surreys always attacking but Humberstone's shot mid-way through was the only one to meet with success. After the interval Butler scored a second from Humberstone's pass and the same player netted when a penalty was awarded for hands against Smith. Charlesworth scored the fourth before the final whistle blew.

McGreavy, Mitchell and Brittows gave the Tamar forwards little rope and considering the extent of the supremacy of the champions, the only surprise was that the score was not even more pronounced.

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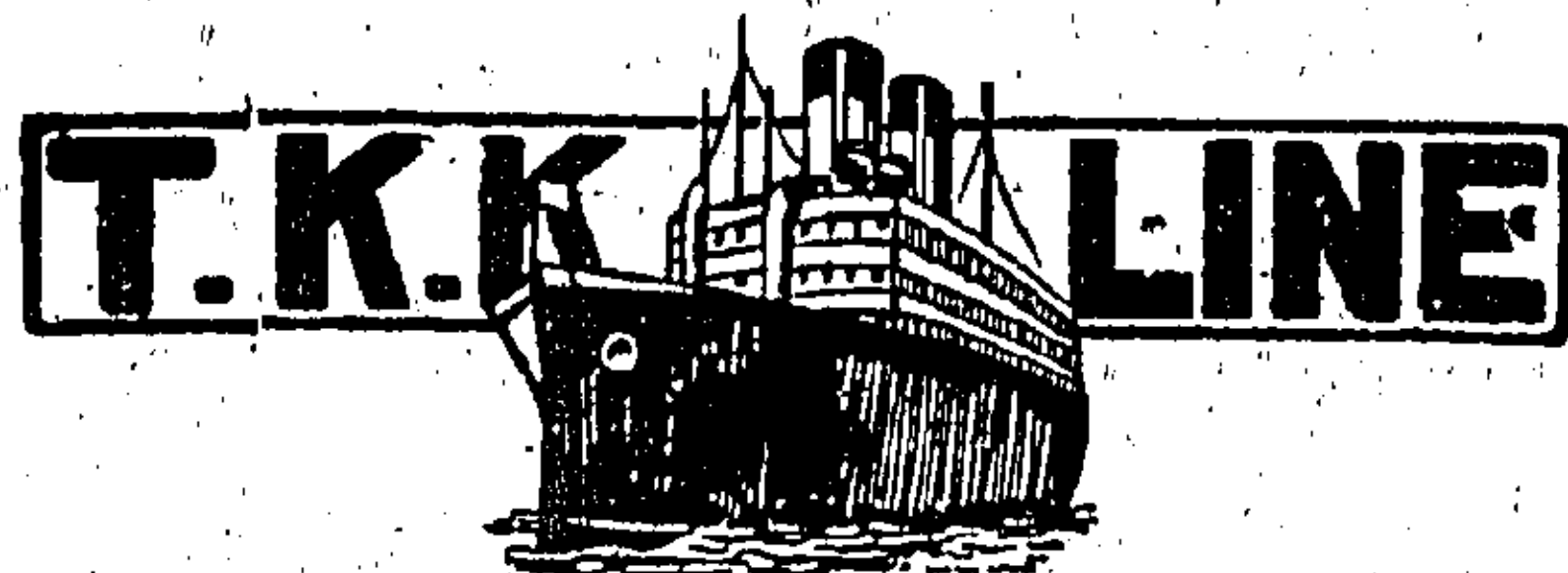
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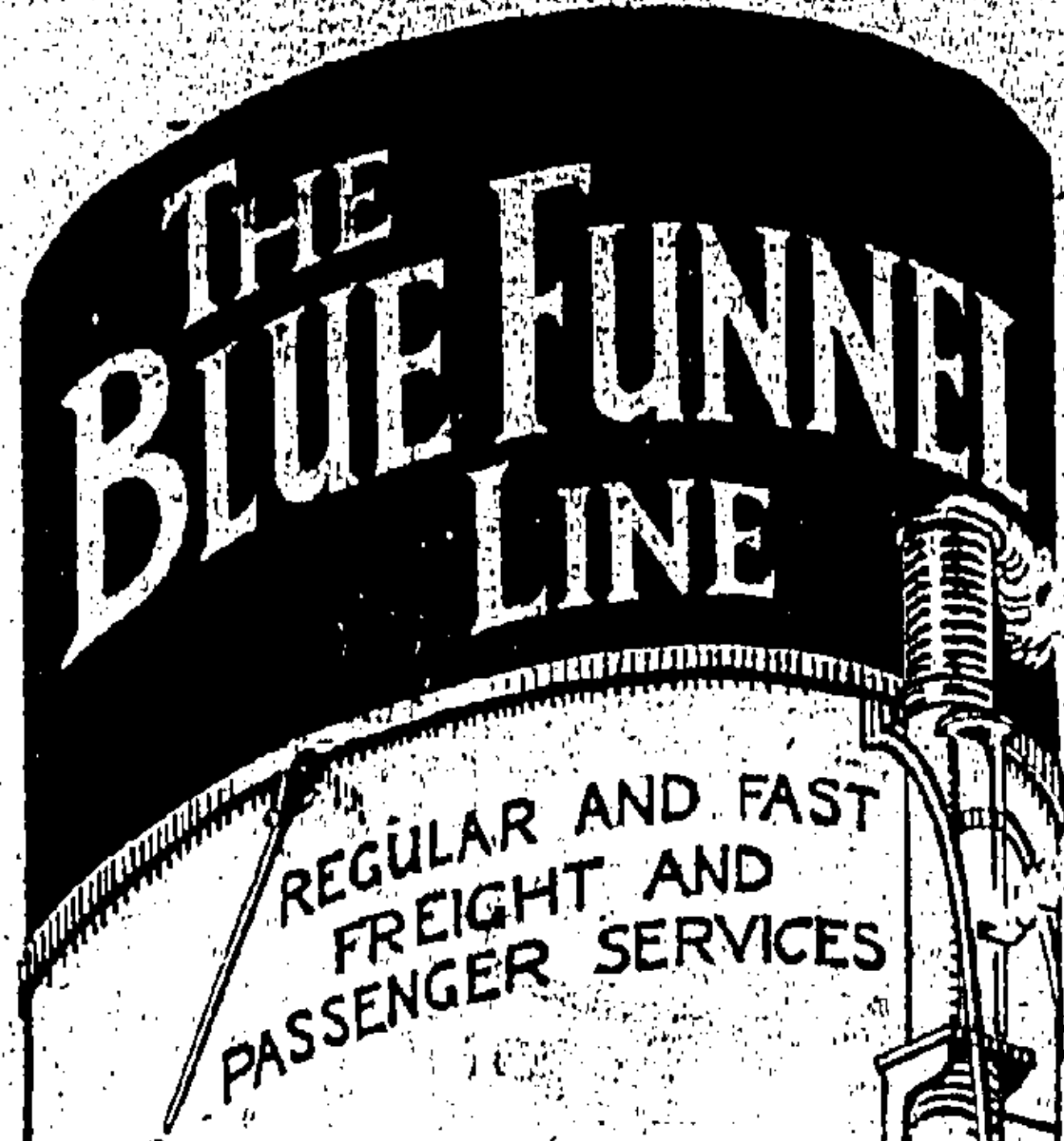
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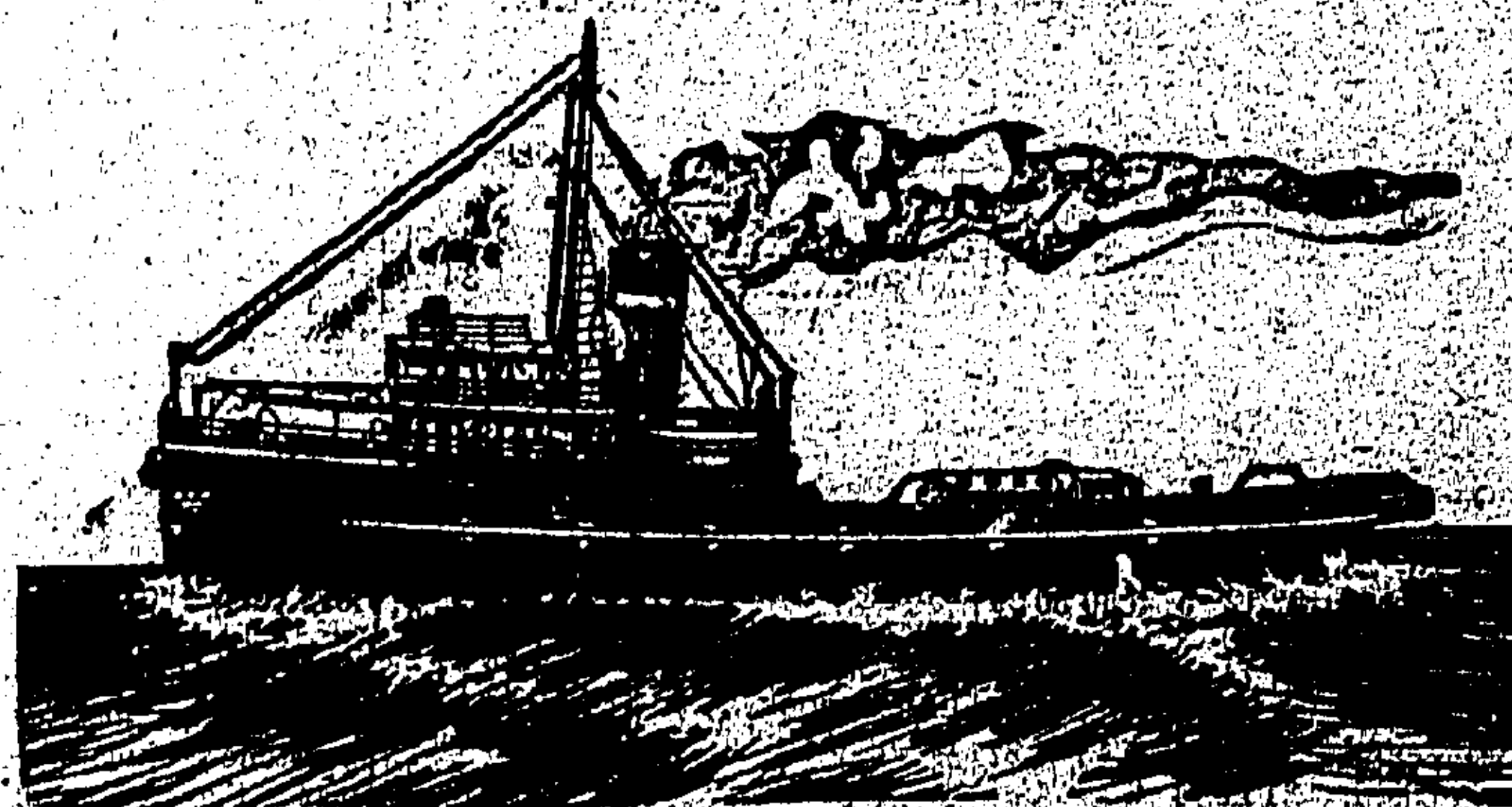
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GLENIFFER	21st Jan.	1'don, K'dam & H'burg via O'ran	
GLENOGLE	3rd Feb.	GLENSHIRE	31st Jan.
GLENAMOY	23rd Feb.	1'don, R'dam & H'burg via O'ran	
GLENGARRY	4th Mar.	PEMBROKESHIRE	17th Feb.
		1'don, R'dam & H'burg via O'ran	
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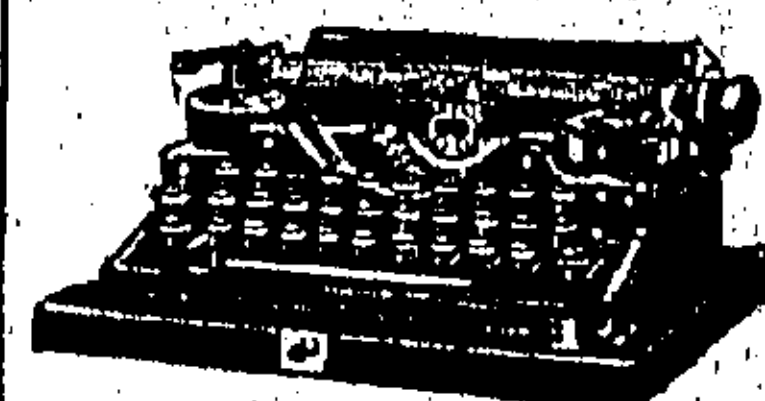
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These doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained
by ringing the night-bell.

Radio Traffic with Canton is suspended until further notice.
Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
Messages in Code must have name of Code used included in text.
The parcel post service to Canton is resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	January 4.
Shanghai	Amboise	January 5.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	January 5.
Amoy	Takuma	January 5.
Straits	Delta	January 5.
Europe via Nipponkai (Letters and papers, London 3rd Dec. 1925)	Tokushima Maru	January 6.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shang- hai	President Grant	January 7.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai	President Lincoln	January 7.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	January 8.
Europe via Suez letters & papers London, 10th, Dec. 1925	Malwa	January 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	Mon., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Mon., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow & Haiphong	Song Bo	Mon., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Poochow	Haining	Tues., Jan. 5, Noon.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Amboise	Tues., Jan. 5, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 5th Feb., 1926)
Bangkok	Chinhua	Tues., Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kalgan	Tues., Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Suiyang	Tues., Jan. 5, 9.30 a.m.
	Arafura	Wed., Jan. 6, Parcels 1.45 p.m. Registration 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Is., 19th Jan., 1926.)
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mingsang	Wed., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Tungshing	Wed., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
	Emp. of Asia	Wed., Jan. 6, Parcels 1.45 p.m. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 25, 1926.)
Hoihow and Haiphong	Taming	Thurs., Jan. 7, 8.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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MOROCCO QUESTION.
DEBATE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

Paris, Jan. 2.
The Sultan of Morocco has
addressed a message to President
Doumergue thanking France for
the protection accorded to his
Empire.—*Indopacifi.*

An important debate took place
in the Chamber yesterday on
Morocco. The Communists main-
tained that the Government should
deal with M. Thomson and M.
Molinaud, deputies from Algeria,
pointing out the danger and recall-
ing the mistakes committed during
the conquest of Algeria, establish-
ing the influence of Abdel Kader
by a premature treaty.

M. Painleve declared that the
situation was fully re-established
and that the frontiers were free of
all attacks.

M. Briand affirmed that the
Government did not wish to support
the overtures of Capt. Canning.
He added: "I promise peace to
the Rifian population who will
know how to respect our frontier.
On this point my word is worth
much more than the visit of Capt.
Canning to Paris."

Credits were voted by a show of
hands.

Under instruction from M.
Briand, the Deputy Governor of
Africa, referring to Capt. Canning,
recalled having already informed
him in Morocco that it was impos-
sible for France, allied to Spain,
to engage separately in peace
negotiations, which cannot be enter-
tained unless between accredited
plenipotentiaries in the name of
the Riffs and duly qualified French
and Spanish plenipotentiaries.
The situation being unchanged, M.
Briand said he could not help
persisting in his determination, and
regretted that he could not grant
Capt. Canning the interview asked
for.—*Indopacifi.*

GANDHI TAKES A REST.

YEAR'S POLITICAL HOLIDAY.

Ahmedabad, Jan. 3.
Gandhi has decided to take a
year's rest from politics and to
devote his attention to the develop-
ment of hand spinning. He
declares that this decision has been
taken after consulting with many
friends during the National Con-
gress at Cawnpore.—*Reuter.*

RETORT EXPLOSION.

VICTIMS OF FLORIDA
TRAGEDY.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 3.
The bodies recovered after the
explosion in one of the retorts of
the Newport Rosin and Turpentine
Company are horribly mutilated.
One man who was blown through
the roof fell 150 feet away. The
damage to property is small.—
Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH TAXES.

TOBACCO INCREASED
FIVE-FOLD.

Paris, Dec. 31.
The financial propositions laid
before the Chamber provide for a
redemption fund to be administered
by a Council composed of indepen-
dent and impartial high officials.
The price of tobacco will be in-
creased five-fold as compared with
the pre-war price. The special
temporary tax on payments will not
apply to indispensable foodstuffs.—
Indopacifi.

LEVEL CROSSING
SMASH.EIGHT INDIAN WOMEN
KILLED.

Kalka, Jan. 3.
The Maharaja of Patiala and his
party, were returning from a shoot-
ing camp, when a lorry conveying
the Maharani's female attendants
and two of her female cousins,
was smashed by an express train at
a level crossing. Eight women
were killed and two seriously
injured.—*Reuter.*

"LITTLE ENTENTE."

THE COMING CONFERENCE.

Paris, Jan. 2.
The coming conference of the
Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the
"Little Entente" will possess an
unusual importance. M. Benes
(Poland) intends to form a union
which will base itself on a new
foreign political programme in
which Poland will occupy a very
important role. The relations
between the "Little Entente" and
the Soviets will be the object of
conclusive discussions.—*Indopacifi.*

FIGHT ON SHIP.

SEVENTEEN IMMIGRANTS
INJURED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Singapore, Jan. 2.
Seventeen immigrants were in-
jured in a fight on the s.s. Van
Overstraten, whilst on a voyage
from China to Medan.

Entertainments.

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0.25, making Tls. 0.75 for
Ziangbes.
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0.05, making Tls. 0.10 for
Taiping.

Having left Singapore at 1 p.m.
yesterday, the P. & O. liner Malwa
is due here with the Home mails
at 7 a.m. on the 8th instant.

The Observatory forecast for
to-morrow is as follows:—E-
winds, fresh to moderate; gen-
erally overcast.

FLAPPER FANNY says



Many a girl has to be
kissed because she can't help
herself.

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Over 200 students were given
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fridge, and Mr. Percy Best
(manager of James Shoolbred and
Co.).

The classes are carried on at
the Westminster Day Continua-
tion School, in Horse-ferry-road.

Six persons were killed and
eight seriously injured as the
result of a train colliding with
charabancs on a level-crossing
near Bletchley, on Dec. 8. The
charabancs, which were descend-
ing the hill, crashed through
the closed gates while
the train was passing. The
charabancs were smashed to
atoms. Their occupants were
mostly women returning from a
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